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**CONQUERING
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PREVIOUSLY...

FIRE FIGHT

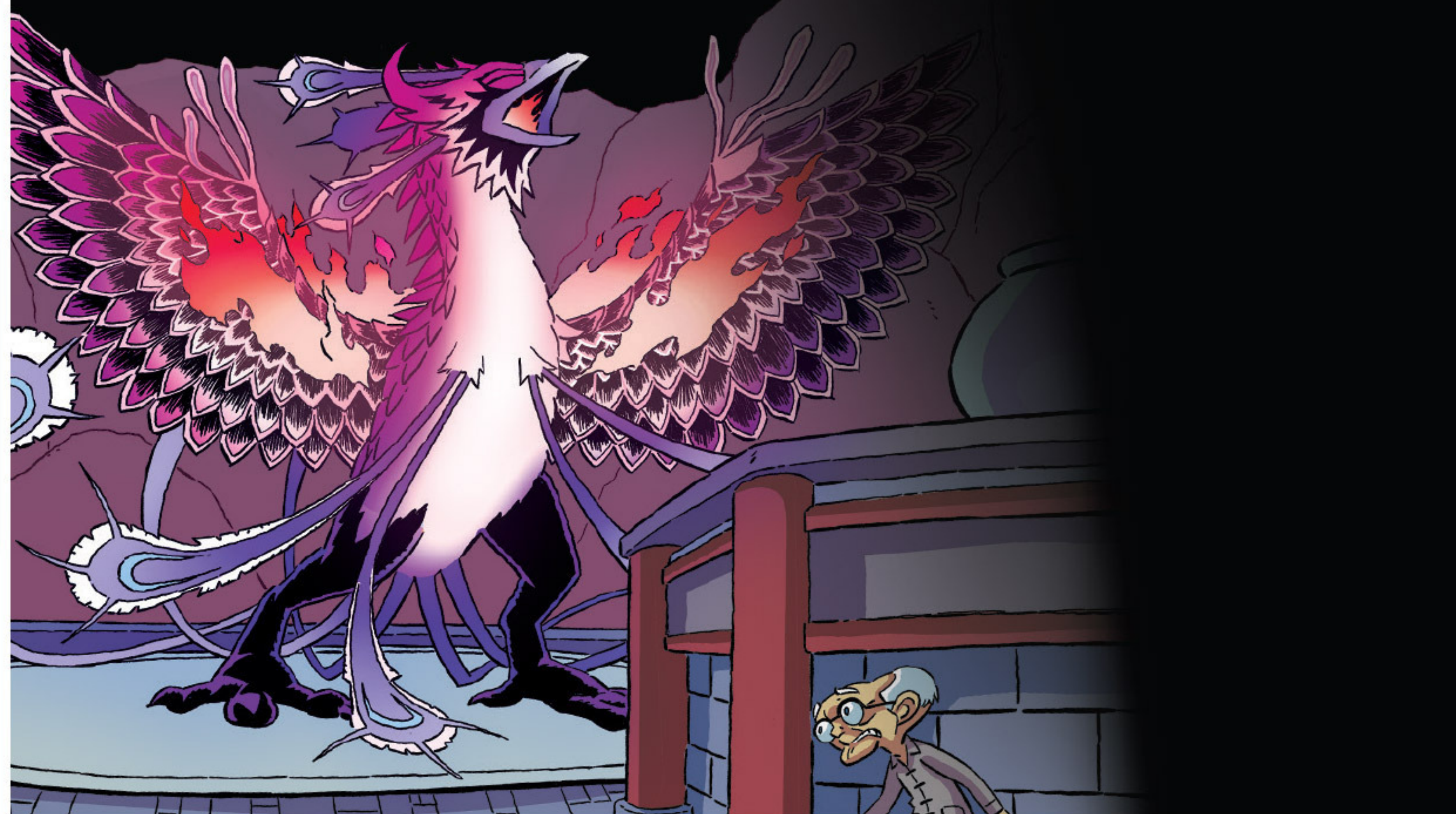
Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have traveled to Chun-Nan to secure the final Gaia Key! Along the way, they've reunited with their old friend Dulcy and teamed up with her brand new team of volunteers.



They found out that the key guardian had entered the territory of a corrupted temple spirit! Even worse – standing between our heroes and the phoenix's burning fury is Egg Boss Conquering Storm and her entire Egg Army!



**Now it's time for Sonic to fight
fire with fury!**



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CHUN-NAN--OUTSIDE
THE GAIA TEMPLE...

WINGS OF FIRE

Part Two: *FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE*

RRRRRRRRH!

IT'S *OKAY*, CINDY.
MISTER D'COOLETTE
WAS AFRAID THE FIRST TIME
HE SAW SONIC CHANGE,
TOO!

"AFRAID" IS
BEING TOO STRONG
ZE WORD. PERHAPS
...STARTLED? AT
MOST?

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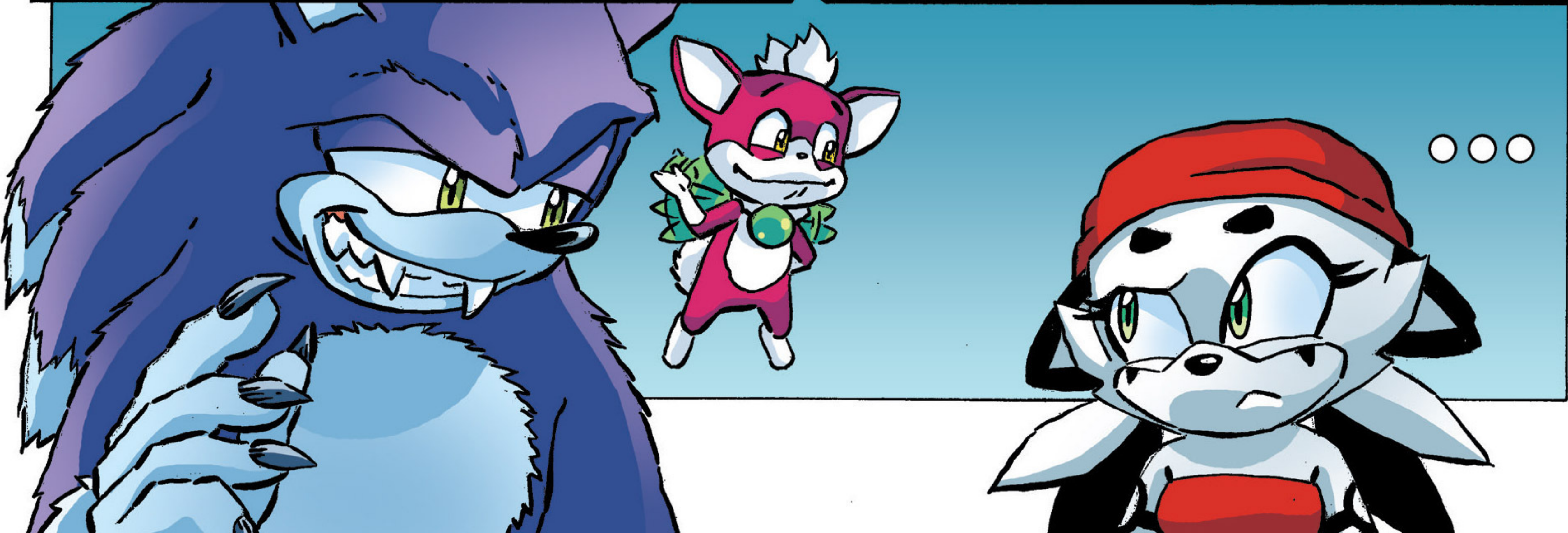
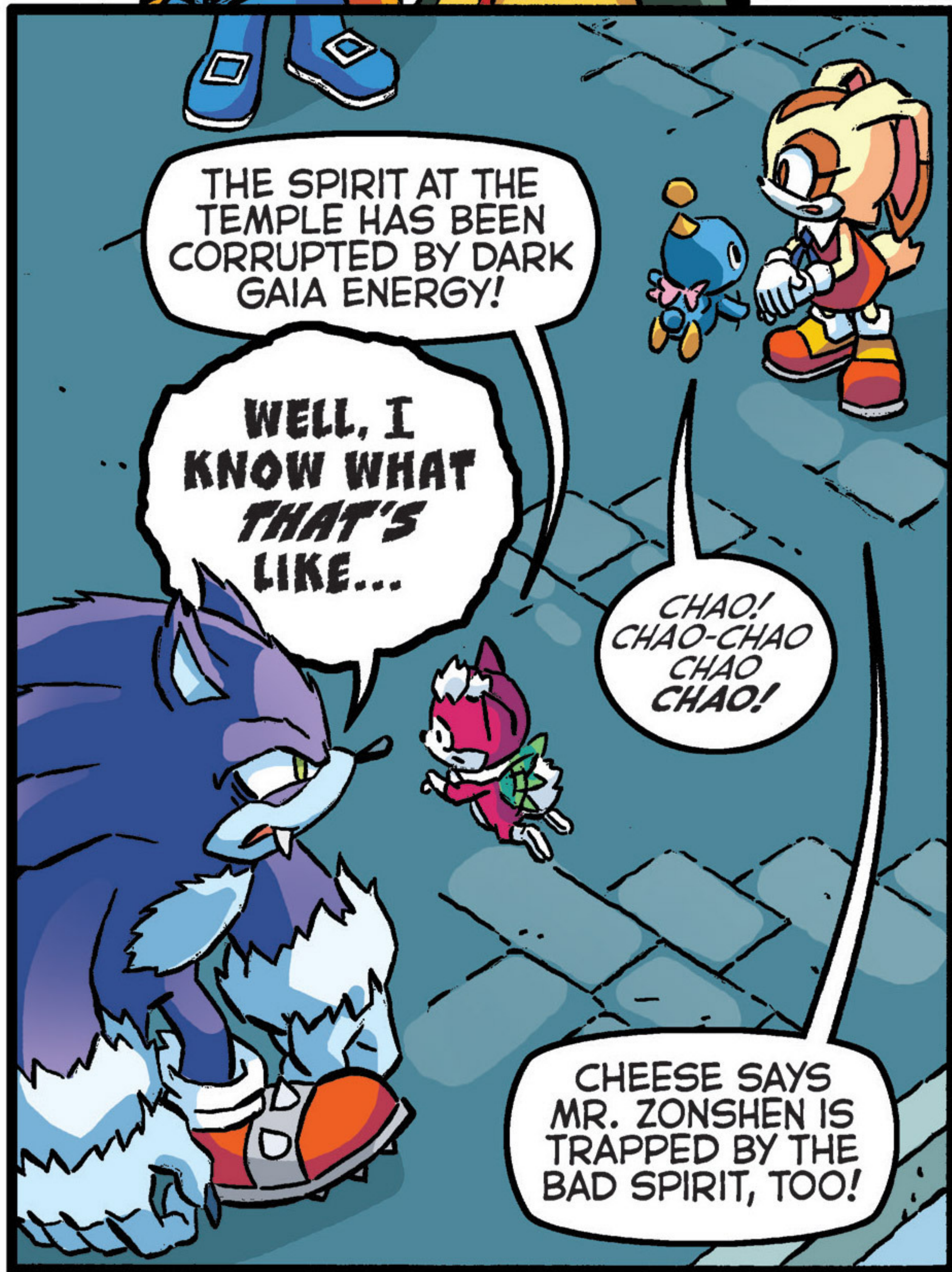
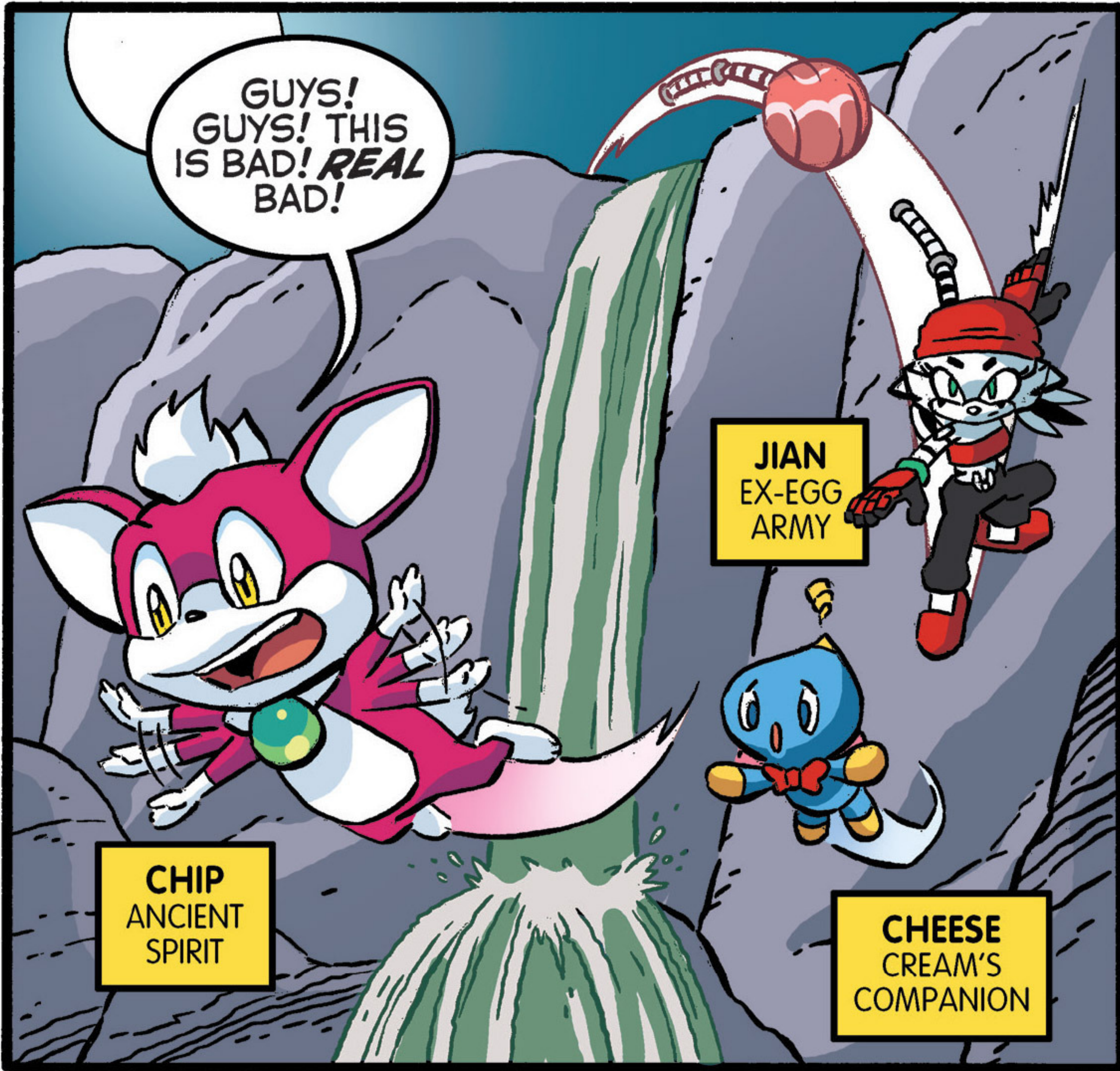
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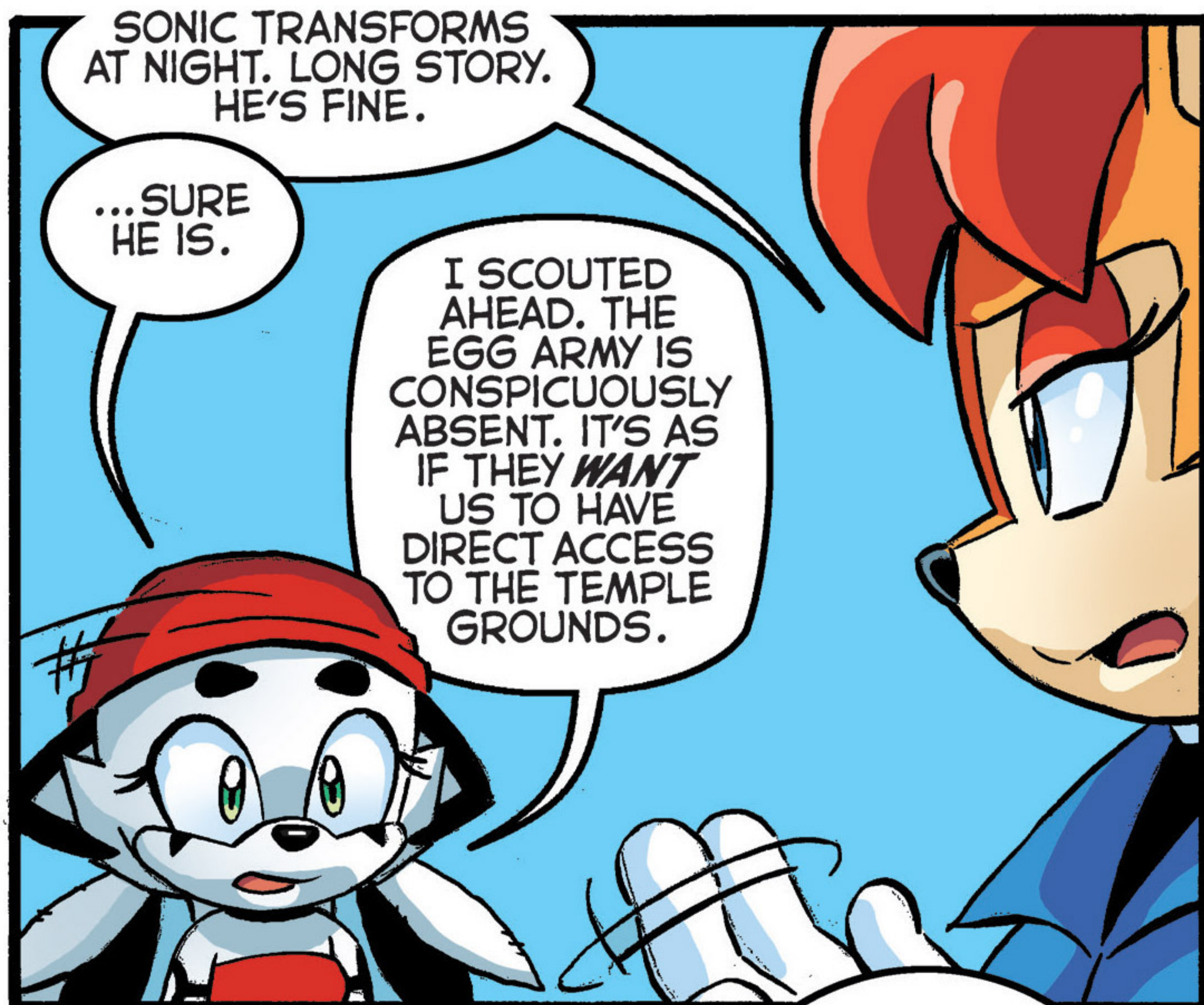


THE FANGS AND CLAWS ARE
PRETTY COOL, BUT ALL THAT FUR
LOOKS LIKE A PAIN TO BRUSH.

YOU'RE
JUST
JEALOUS,
SCALY!

AS IF,
FUZZ
BALL!

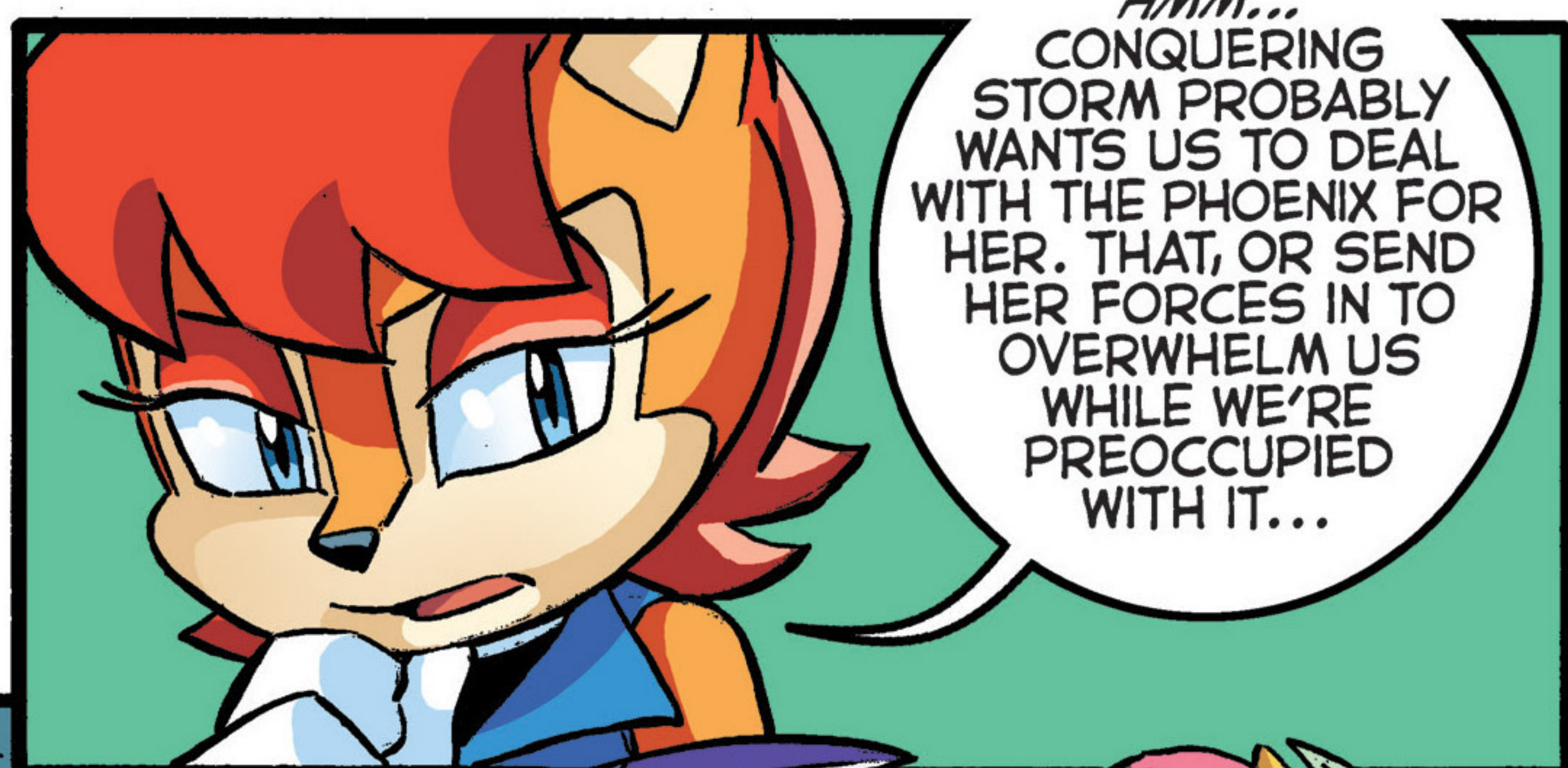




SONIC TRANSFORMS AT NIGHT. LONG STORY. HE'S FINE.

...SURE HE IS.

I SCOUTED AHEAD. THE EGG ARMY IS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT. IT'S AS IF THEY *WANT* US TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE TEMPLE GROUNDS.



HMM... CONQUERING STORM PROBABLY WANTS US TO DEAL WITH THE PHOENIX FOR HER. THAT, OR SEND HER FORCES IN TO OVERWHELM US WHILE WE'RE PREOCCUPIED WITH IT...



SO...CHIP? NOW THAT YOUR POWERS HAVE BEEN REAWAKENED, IS THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD CURE THE PHOENIX?*

ER...MAYBE? IT *IS* A SPIRIT, SO IT'S KIND OF A SPECIAL SITUATION. IF IT WERE WEAKENED ENOUGH, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESTORE IT?

THEN LEAVE THAT TO ME! WE DARK-GAIA-INFECTED-TYPES NEED TO LOOK AFTER OUR OWN!

*STH# 280.



EXCELLENT. THEN THE REST OF US WILL SEE IF WE CAN'T SET UP AN AMBUSH OF OUR OWN...

SOON--AT
THE GAIA
TEMPLE
GROUNDS...

OVER HERE!
HURRY, BEFORE
IT COMES BACK!

HEY,
MISTER! DON'T
BE AFRAID! WE'RE
HERE TO HELP!

ARE
YOU
OKAY
?

COLD, HUNGRY AND A LITTLE
CRISPY ON THE EDGES--BUT
OTHERWISE FINE. I CAME TO
MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE
SPIRIT, BUT IT'S GONE WILD...

HANG ON,
GRAMPS. WE'LL
GET YOU BACK
TO THE VILLAGE
AND--

SKREEEEEEEE!
THUD!

SKREEEEEEEE!

HOLD THAT
THOUGHT.



CONQUERING
STORM
REGIONAL
EGG BOSS

HMM...
ENGAGING THE
BEAST IN SINGLE
COMBAT. I'D
EXPECT NOTHING
LESS FROM
SONIC.

BUT WHERE ARE
THE OTHERS? I CAN'T
BELIEVE THE PRINCESS
WOULD LET HIM GO
IN ALONE...

"...SO WHERE
ARE THEY?"



THOON!

YOW! HOT!
HOT! HOT!



Y'KNOW, THE
OLD MAN CAME
UP HERE TO
GIVE YOU AN
OFFERING! HOW
ABOUT I GIVE
YOU ONE
INSTEAD?



ENJOY!

SKREEEEEEEE!

CRASH!

THE SPIRIT HAS BEEN WEAKENED. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER!

ATTACK!

JUST AS PLANNED.

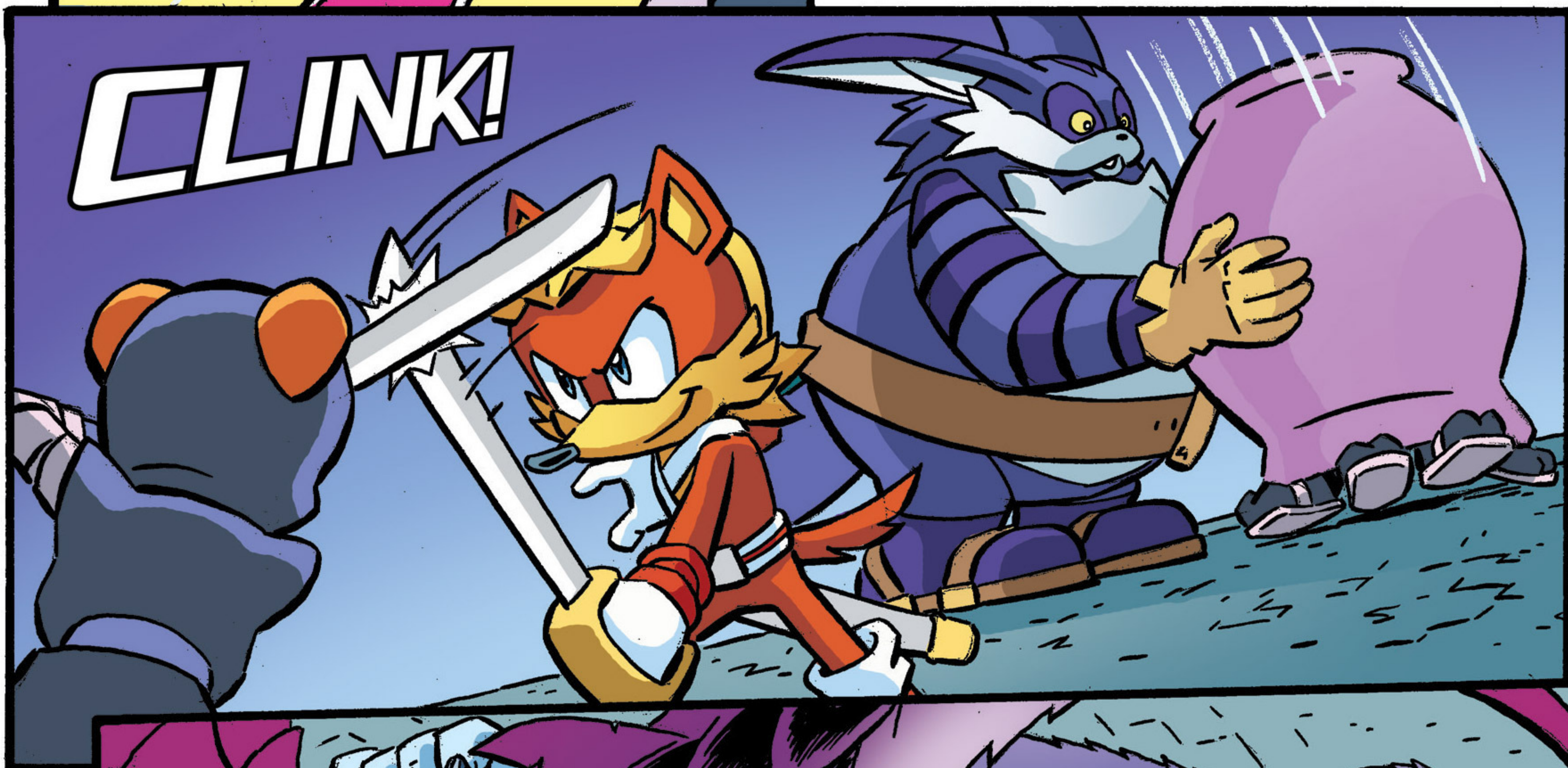
FREEDOM FIGHTERS! SHIJIN WARRIORS! NOW!

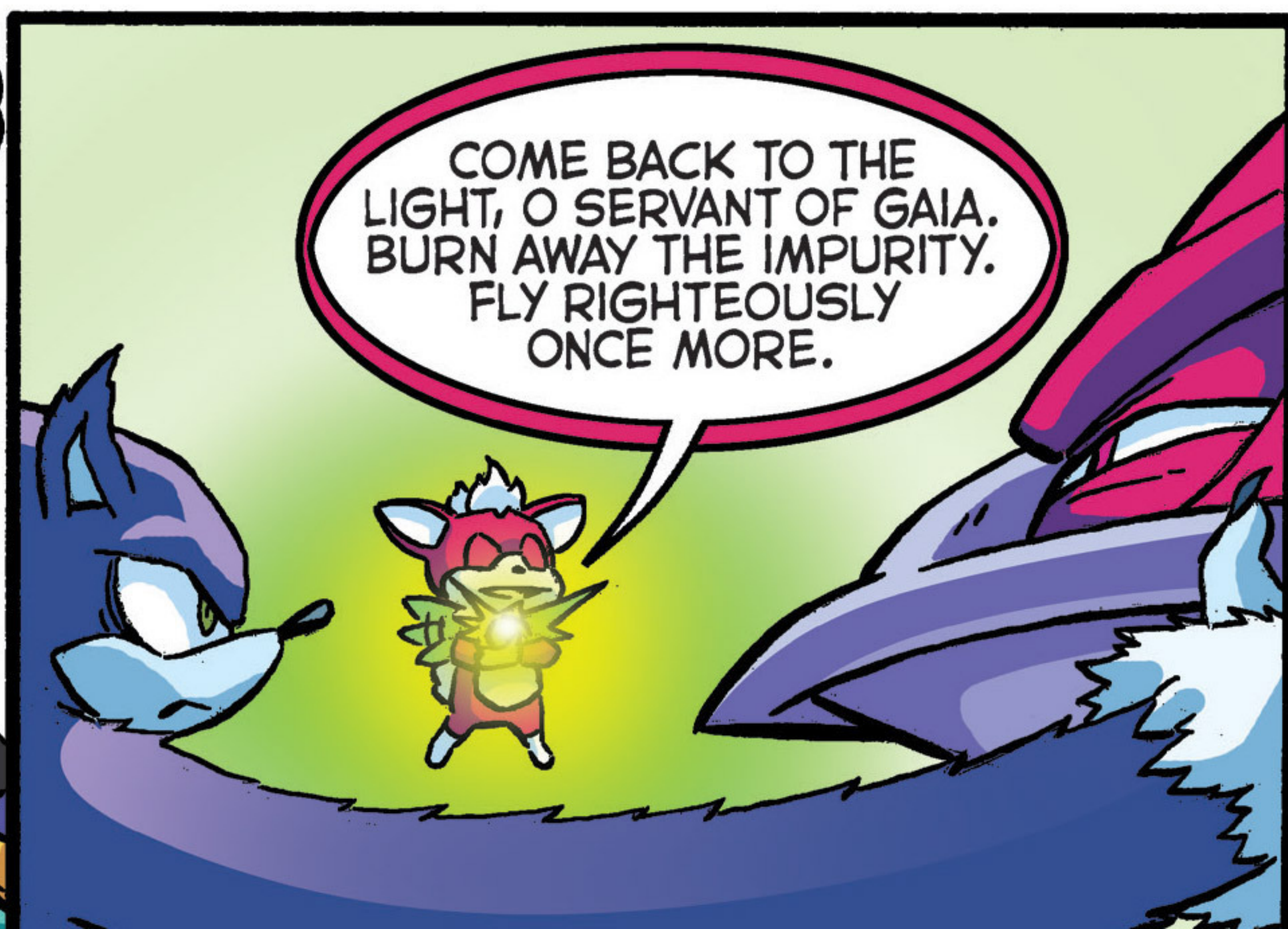
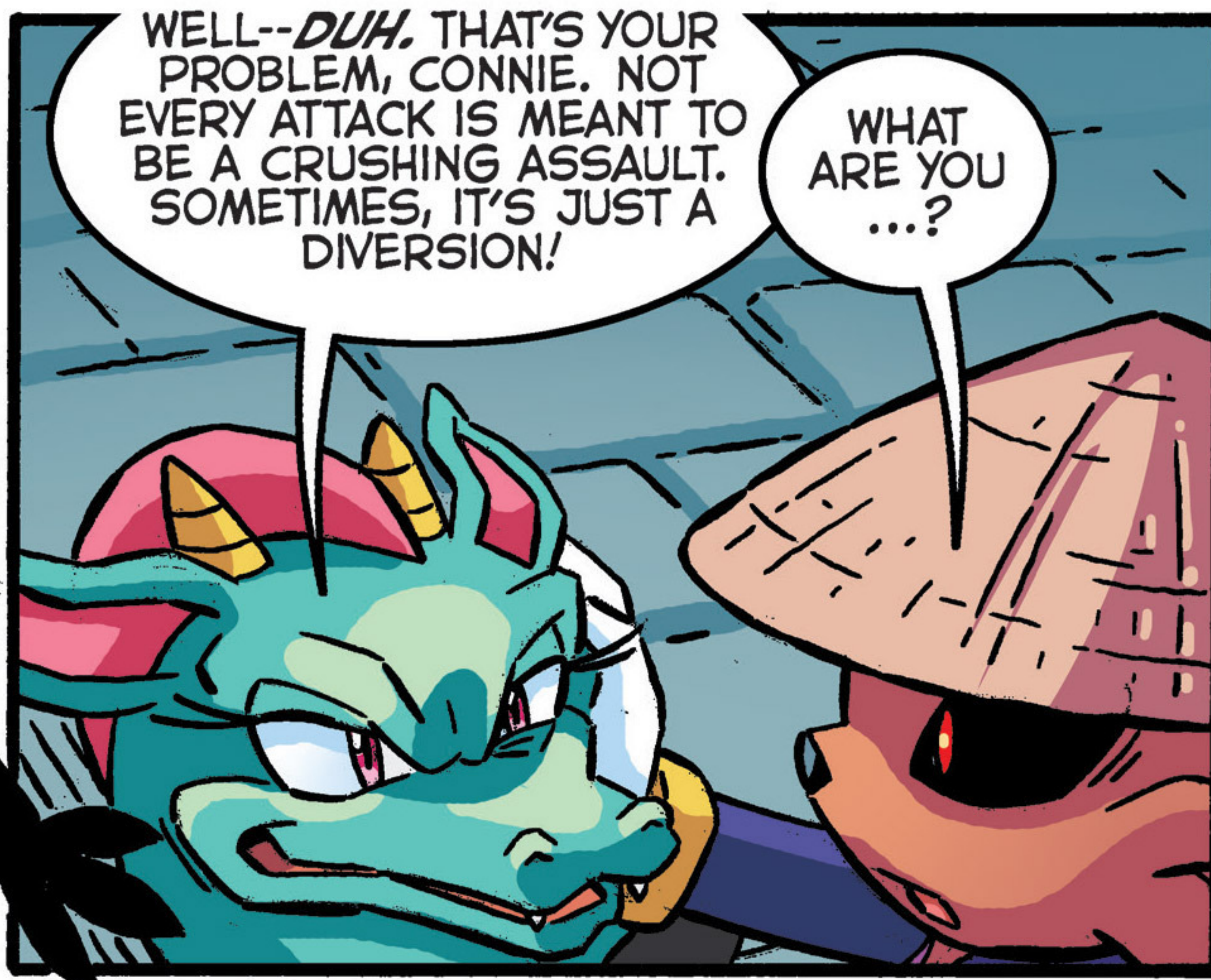
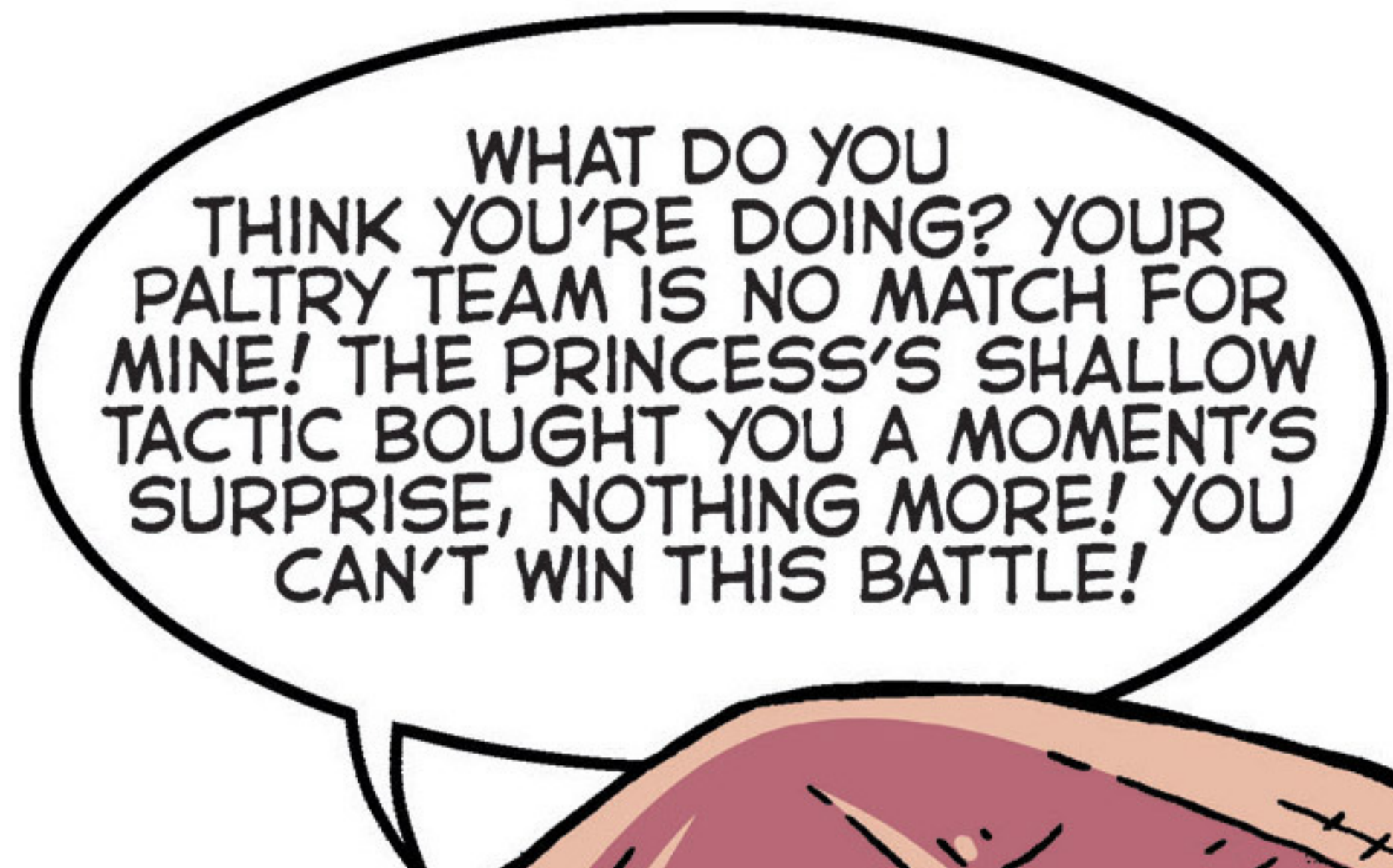
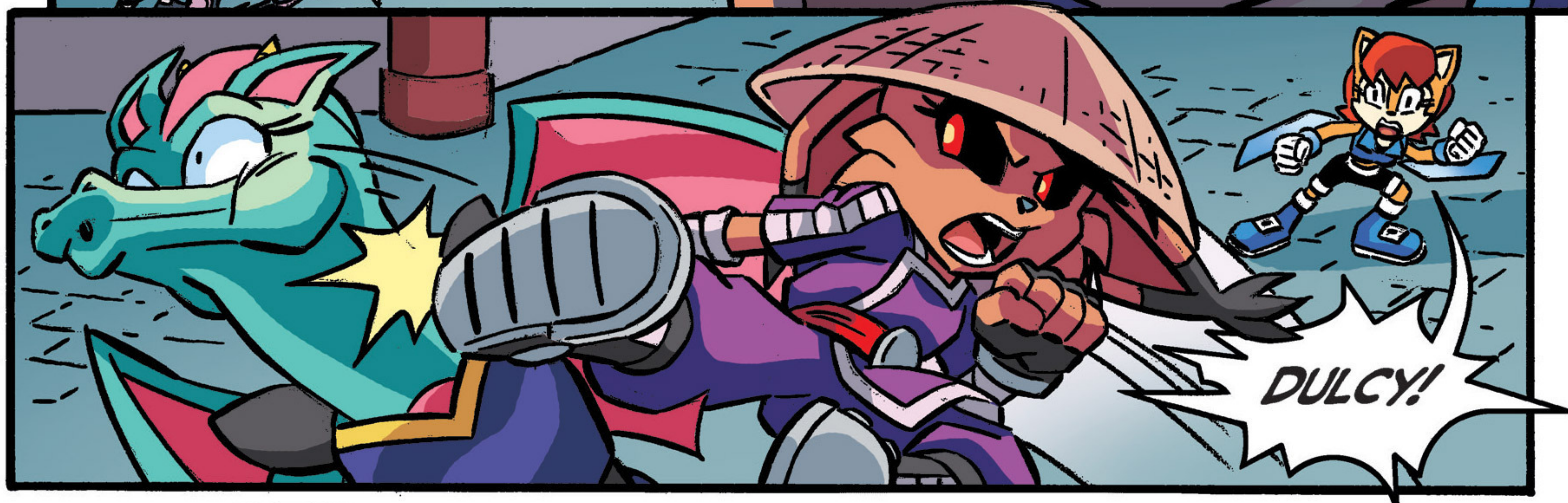
CHEESE! GET 'EM!

FWEEEE

POW!
CRACKLE!

BANG





SKREEEEEEEE!

YO. IT'S
ON OUR SIDE
NOW.

EVERYONE!
FALL BACK
TO BASE!

UH...NOT
THE ONE AT
TOP OF THE
MOUNTAIN,
I HOPE?

'CAUSE IT'S
ABOUT TO GET
REMODELED--
INTO ASHES.

CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR FIRST
VICTORY. IT WILL BE
YOUR *LAST*.

POMF!

YEAH, WELL,
YOU... UH... *ARGH!*
THESE POST-BATTLE
ONE-LINERS ARE
HARD!

YOU'LL
GET THE HANG
OF IT.

SOON...

FOR SAVING MY LIFE, FOR SAVING THE SPIRIT, AND SAVING OUR WORLD, I THANK YOU. TAKE MY GAIA KEY IN GOOD HEALTH.

THANKS, ZONSHEN. YOU WORRY ABOUT *YOUR* HEALTH RIGHT NOW.

WELL, THAT'S IT, FOLKS! THE LAST GAIA KEY! LET'S GO FIX THE PLANET!

I'VE GOT SOME THOUGHTS ON THAT. BUT FOR NOW, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW AT LEAST PART OF THE WORLD IS IN GOOD HANDS.

THANKS, SAL. THAT MEANS A LOT --TO ALL OF US.

THE END IS IN SIGHT! BUT WILL FIXING THE SHATTERED WORLD REALLY BE THAT EASY? AND WHAT DOES **DR. EGGMAN** HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT? FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE!

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OUTSIDE THE
SOLMERCA EGG
ARMY BASE...

RAY THE
FLYING
SQUIRREL
YOUNG FLYER

THIS GATE IS
NO GOOD, EITHER.
THERE'S A SNIPER
TOWER RIGHT ON
THE OTHER SIDE.

WE'VE *GOT* TO GET IN THERE. I'LL
HANDLE IT. THAT IS, IF MS ROSE WILL
PLEASE LEND ME HER HAMMER FOR
A MOMENT?

SUCH A GENTLEMAN!
SONIC COULD LEARN
A THING OR TWO FROM
YOU.

MIGHTY
THE ARMADILLO
IT'S IN HIS NAME!

AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING
HEROINE

KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA
TOUGHER THAN
LEATHER

PIKO!

KNOCK-
KNOCK!

IT'S
AND **MIGHTY
KNUCKLES!**

KER-**WHAM!**

KEEP LOW,
LI'L BUDDY!
STICK TO THE PLAN--
NOTHING
FANCY!

RIGHT!
SEE YOU IN A
MINUTE!

LET'S
MAKE
SOME
NOISE!

**SHARDS
& SPARKS**

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INSIDE THE
EGG ARMY
BASE...

YOU'RE ON THIN ICE!
YOU MAY HAVE HELPED ME
RETAKE EGGMANLAND, * BUT THAT
DOESN'T EXCUSE LOSING A CHAOS
EMERALD AND TWO SUPER-
BADNIKS** AND NOT FINDING
THE GAIA TEMPLE!

H-HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED
THERE *ISN'T* A
GAIA TEMPLE ON
THIS CONTINENT,
M'LORD?

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS

HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED
DOING YOUR
JOB?!

THUNDERBOLT
THE CHINCHILLA
SOU-MERCIAN EGG BOSS

*SU#83-86
"EGGMAN'S DOZEN"

**STH #264-267.

OH, I AM!
DUTIFULLY SO!
AND LOOK WHAT
I FOUND!

AREN'T
THESE SHARDS
OF THE MASTER
EMERALD?

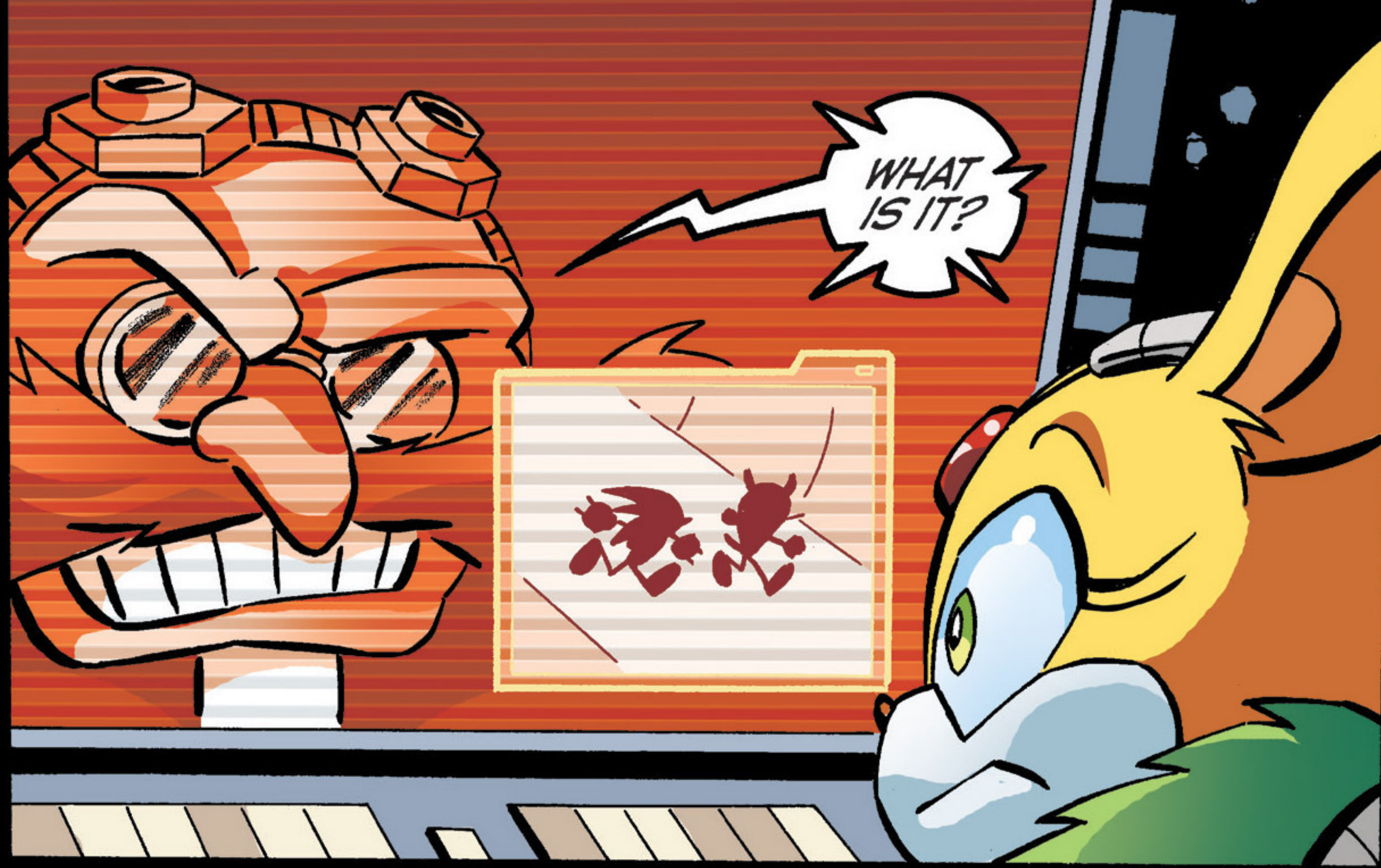
INDEED!
GOOD TO KNOW
WALLY DOESN'T
HAVE THEM
ALL...

HMMMM...IF I CAN GET ALL
THE SHARDS AND RESTORE
THE MASTER EMERALD
MYSELF, MAYBE I CAN CANCEL
OUT WHATEVER PLANS THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE
FOR THE CHAOS EMERALDS.

NICELY
DONE, T.B.
I RETRACT
MY EARLIER
SHOUTING.

SHOUTING OR
PRAISING, YOUR VOICE
IS AN INSPIRATION--!

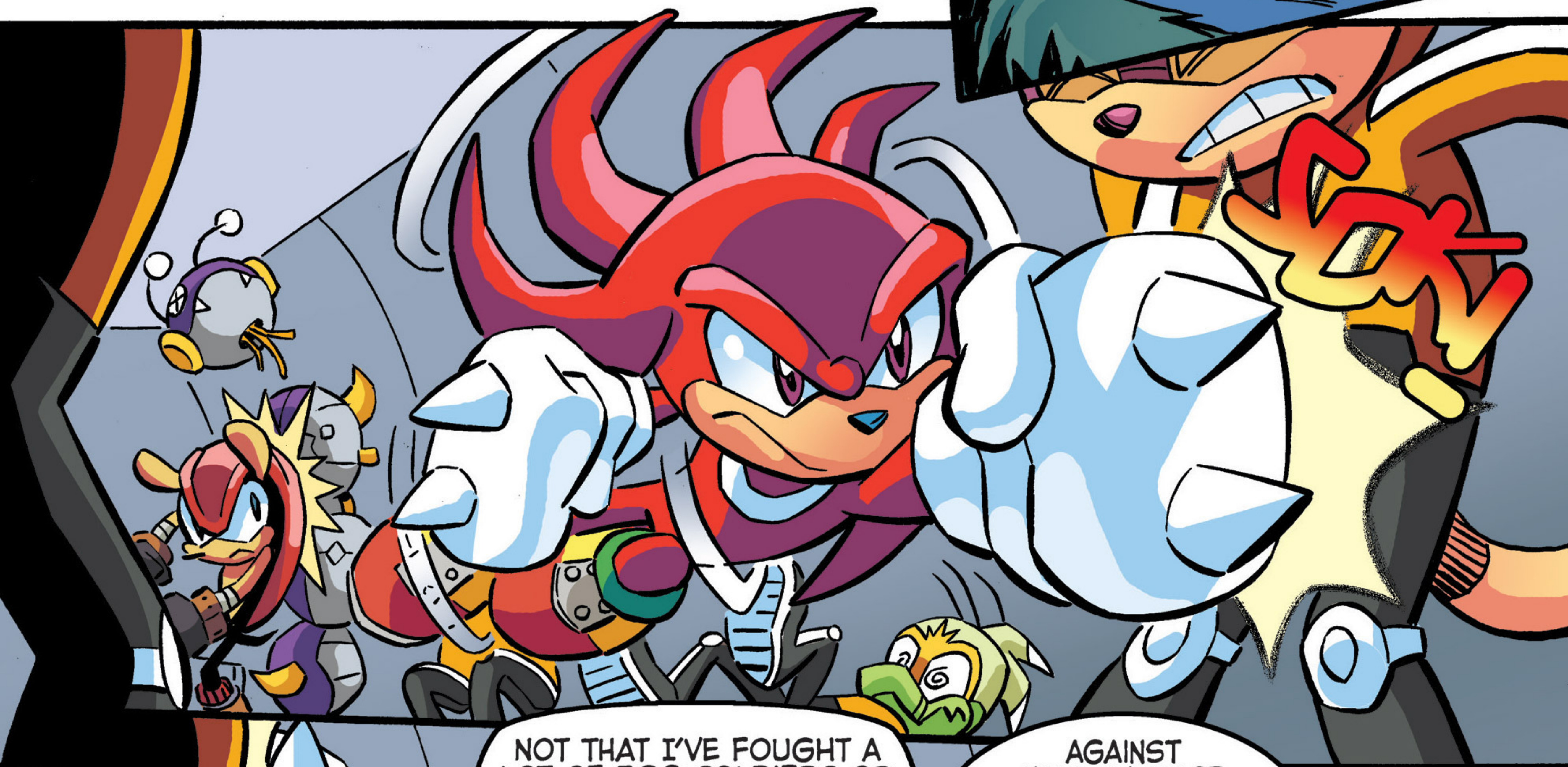




WHAT IS IT?



DEAD MEAT.



NOT THAT I'VE FOUGHT A LOT OF EGG SOLDIERS OR ANYTHING, BUT I THOUGHT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE *TOUGH!*

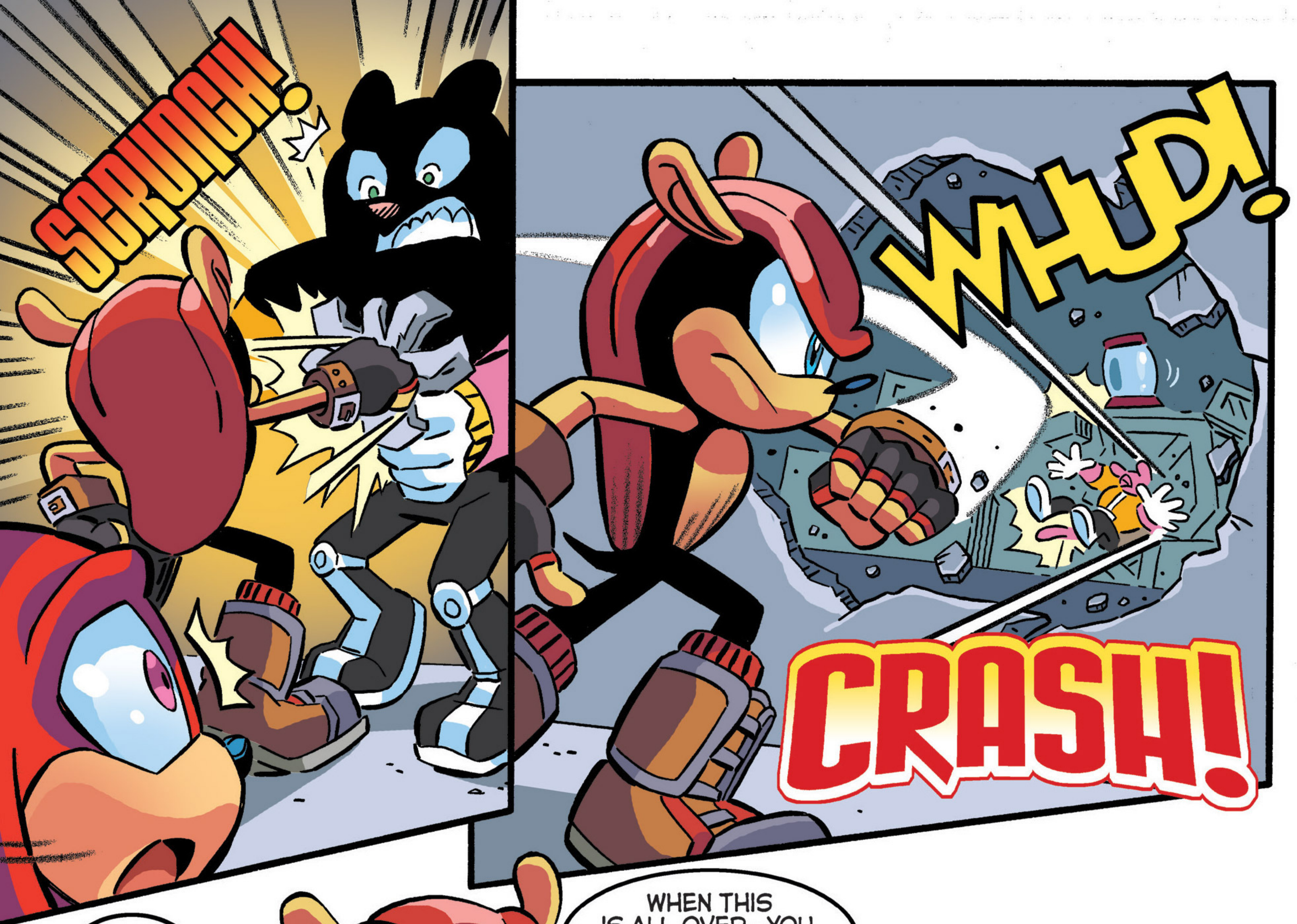
AGAINST YOUR AVERAGE CITIZEN? SURE, THEY'RE FEARSOME. WE'RE IN A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEAGUE, KNUX.



HEH! LISTEN TO YOU!

SONIC WAS RIGHT-- YOU *HAVE* GONE SOFT!





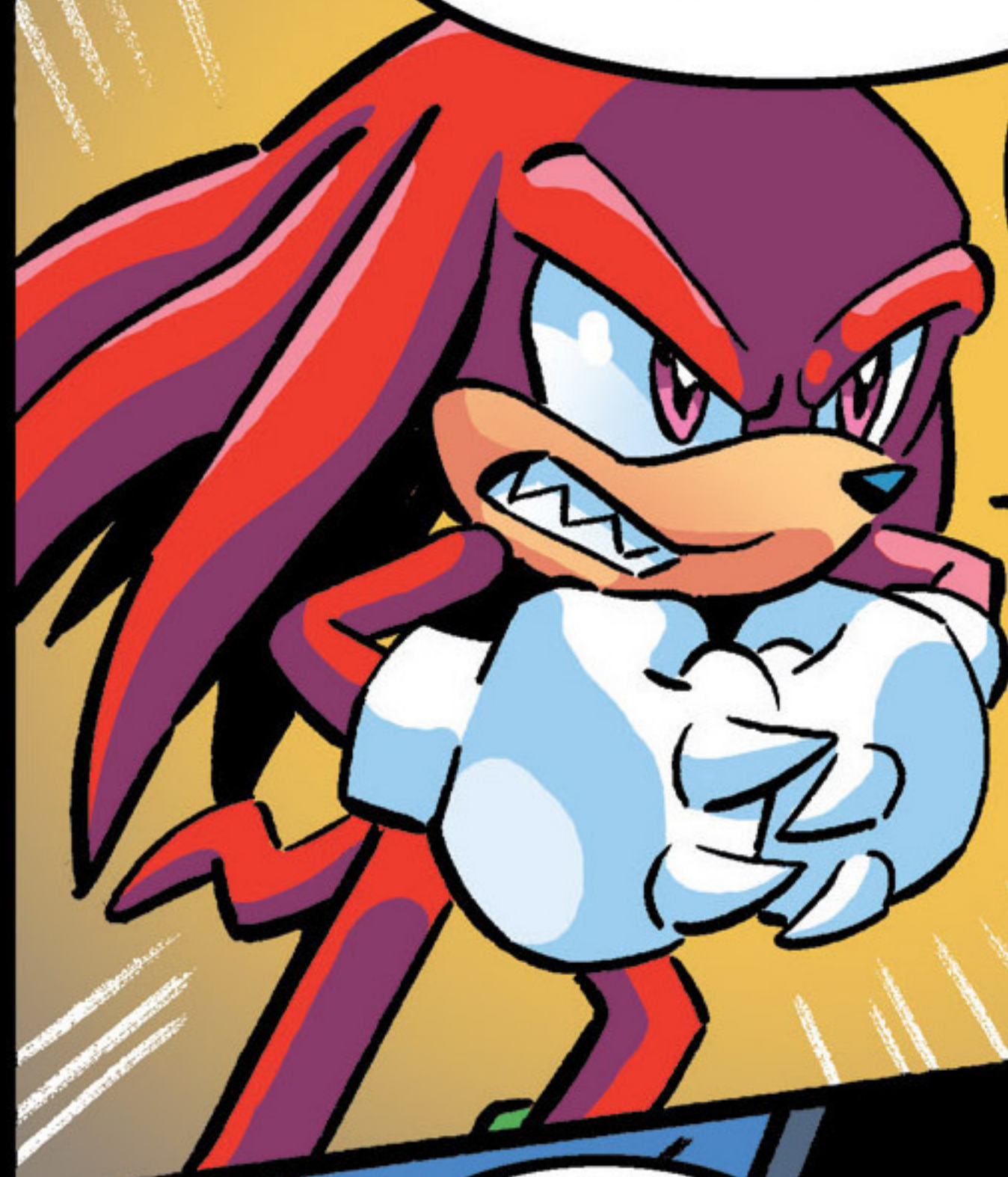
THOSE
BELONG TO LORD
EGGMAN!



HOLD ON! SHE'S
DANGEROUS!

SO?
REINFORCEMENTS
ARE ON THE WAY. STICK
TO THE PLAN.

I'VE
GOT
THIS.



ZOWIE!



MIGHTY!

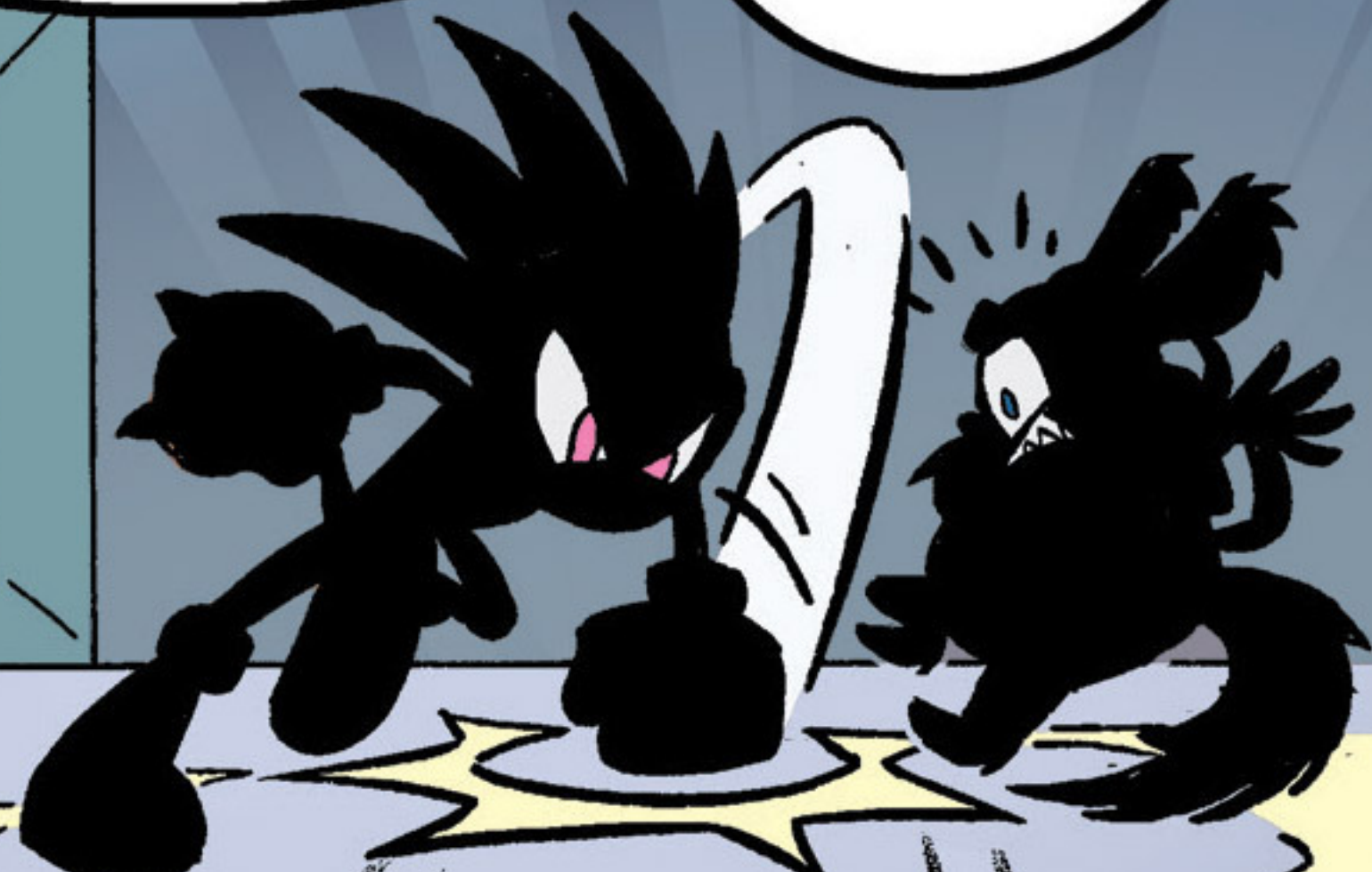


PERFECT
TIMING!

WE'RE ALL
CLEAR OUT HERE!
MAKE IT QUICK!

OKAY... SO
WE TRAVEL
X-NUMBER OF
KILOMETERS...

MOSS'S
PLACE IS
NORTH OF
HERE...



CALM NIGHT,
NO WIND... SO
THROW IT...



...LIKE THIS!!!



FWOOSH!



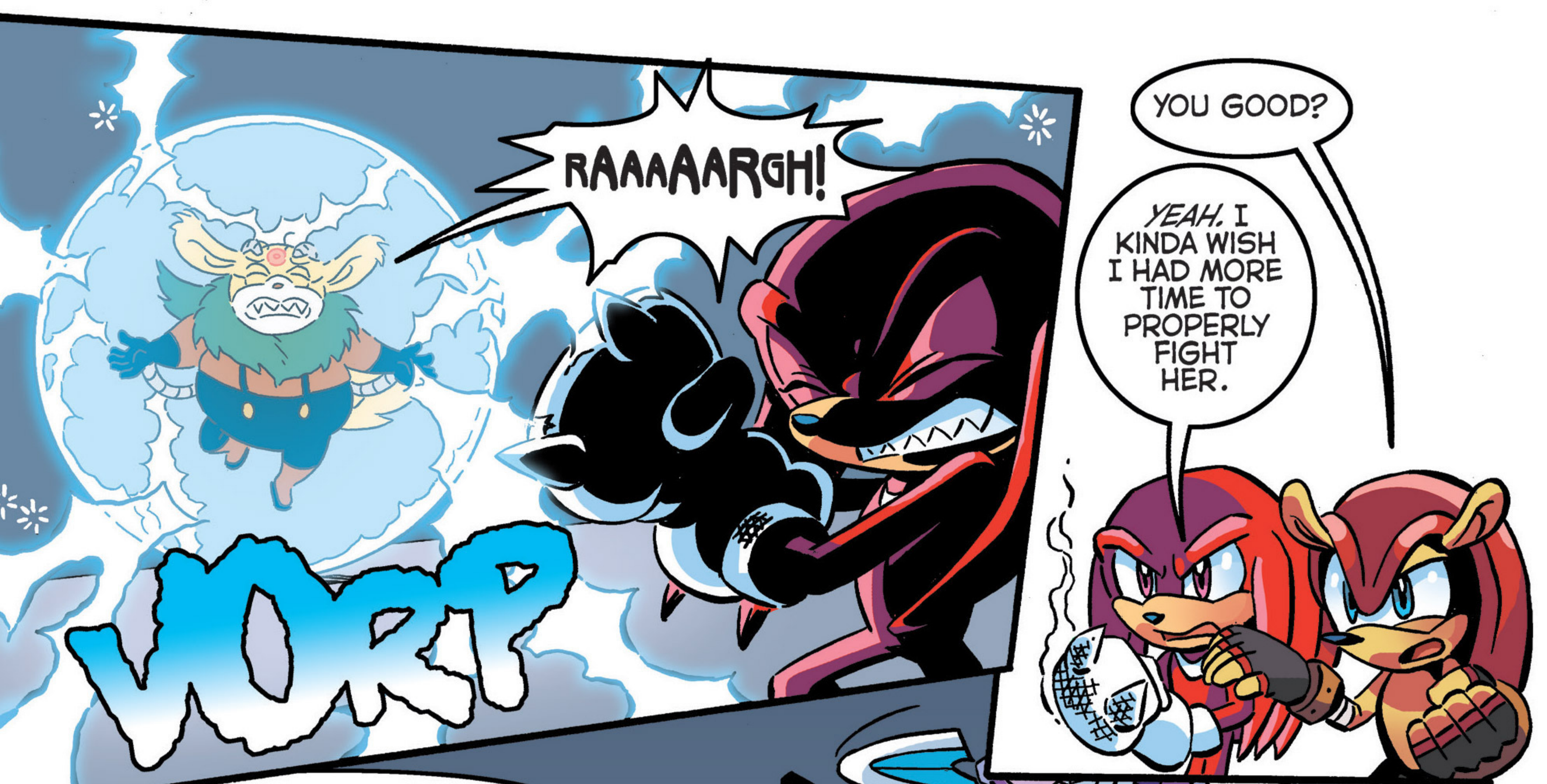
CRASH!



CLOSE ENOUGH.

MOSS THE SLOTH SAGE





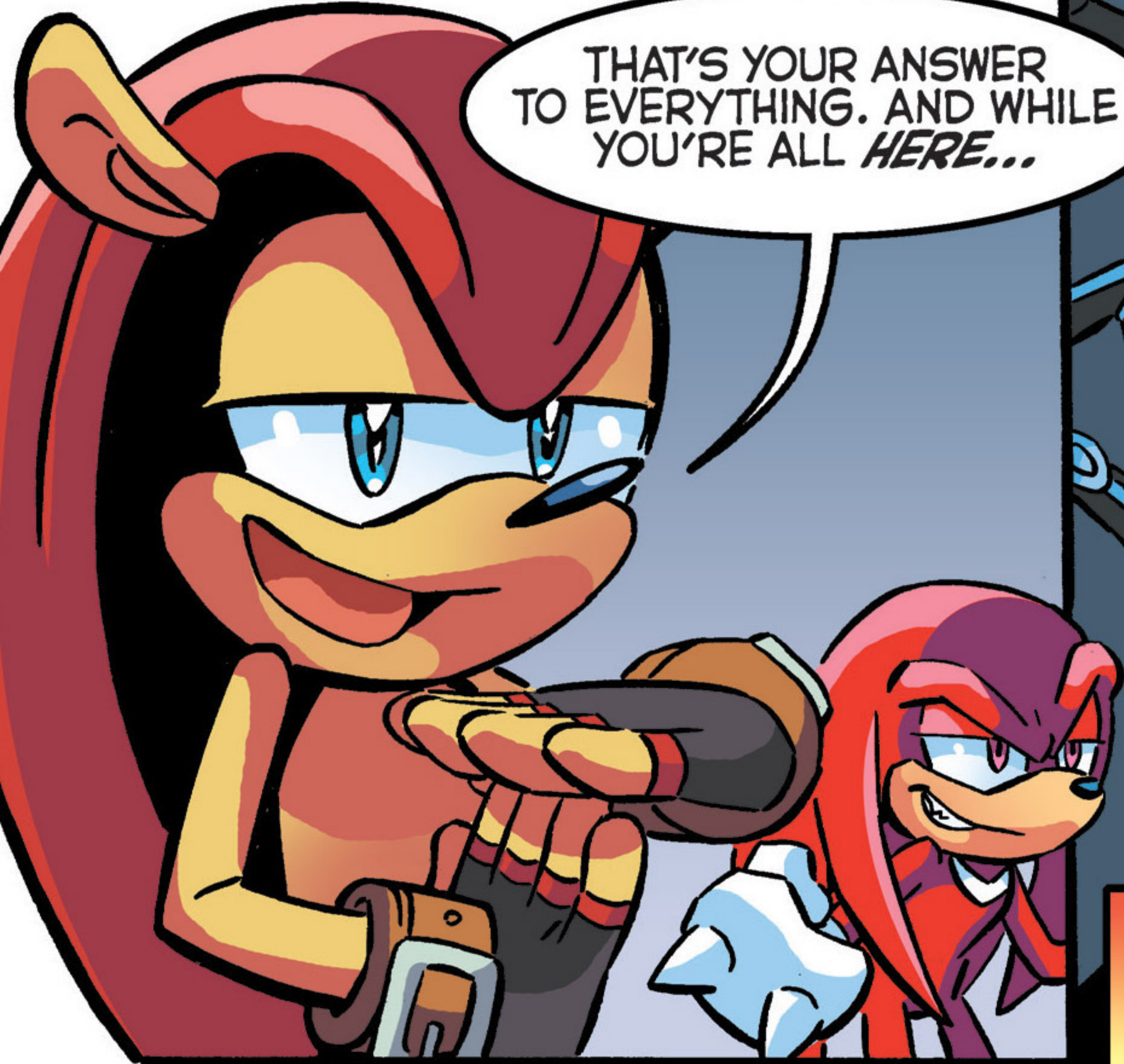
YOU GOOD?

YEAH. I KINDA WISH I HAD MORE TIME TO PROPERLY FIGHT HER.

TOO BAD! YOU'RE TOTALLY SURROUNDED! AND ONCE I FRY THE TWO OF YOU, I'LL FIND THOSE SHARDS AGAIN! I'LL ZAP THE ENTIRE JUNGLE AND SIFT THROUGH THE ASHES IF I HAVE TO!

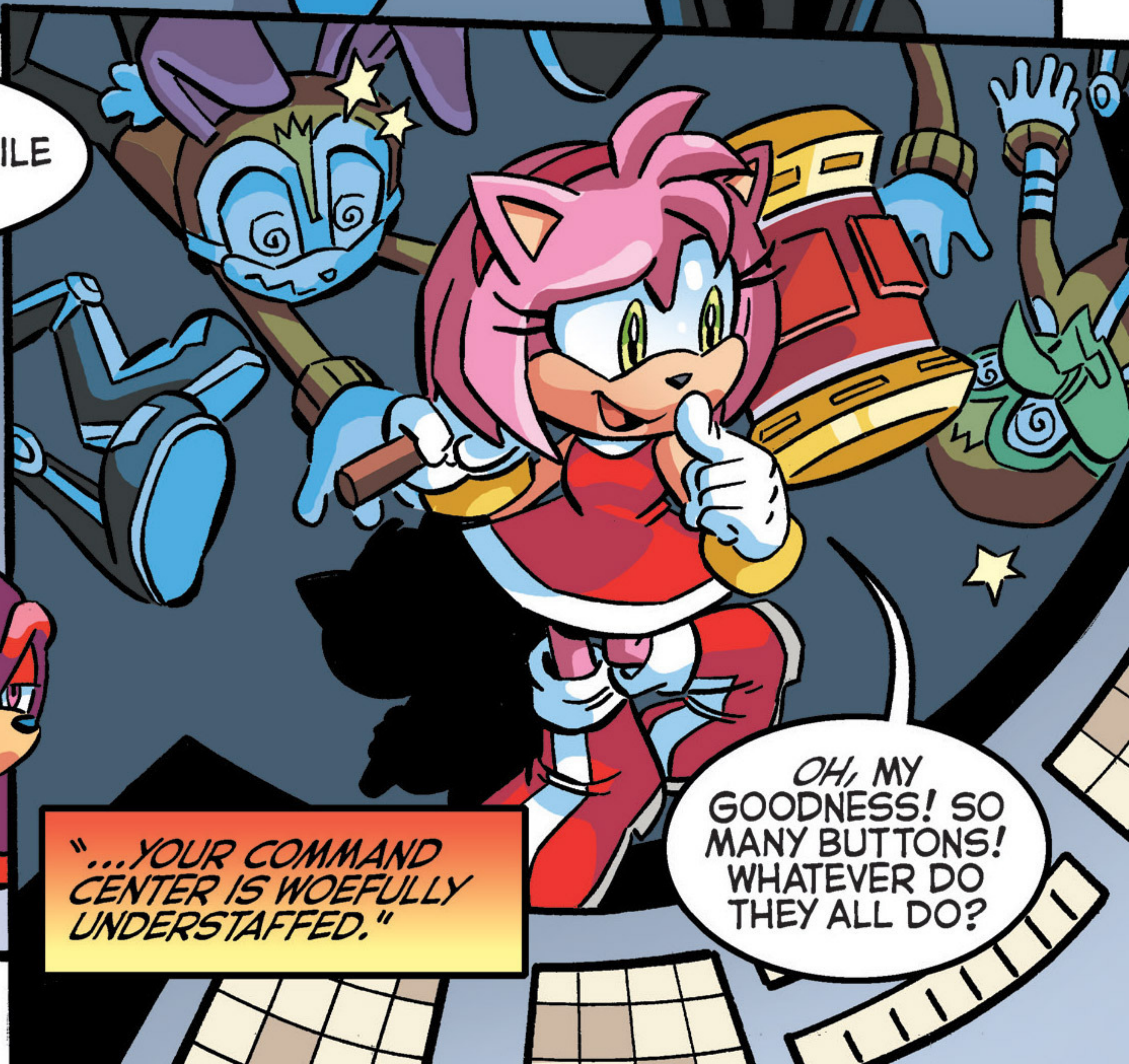


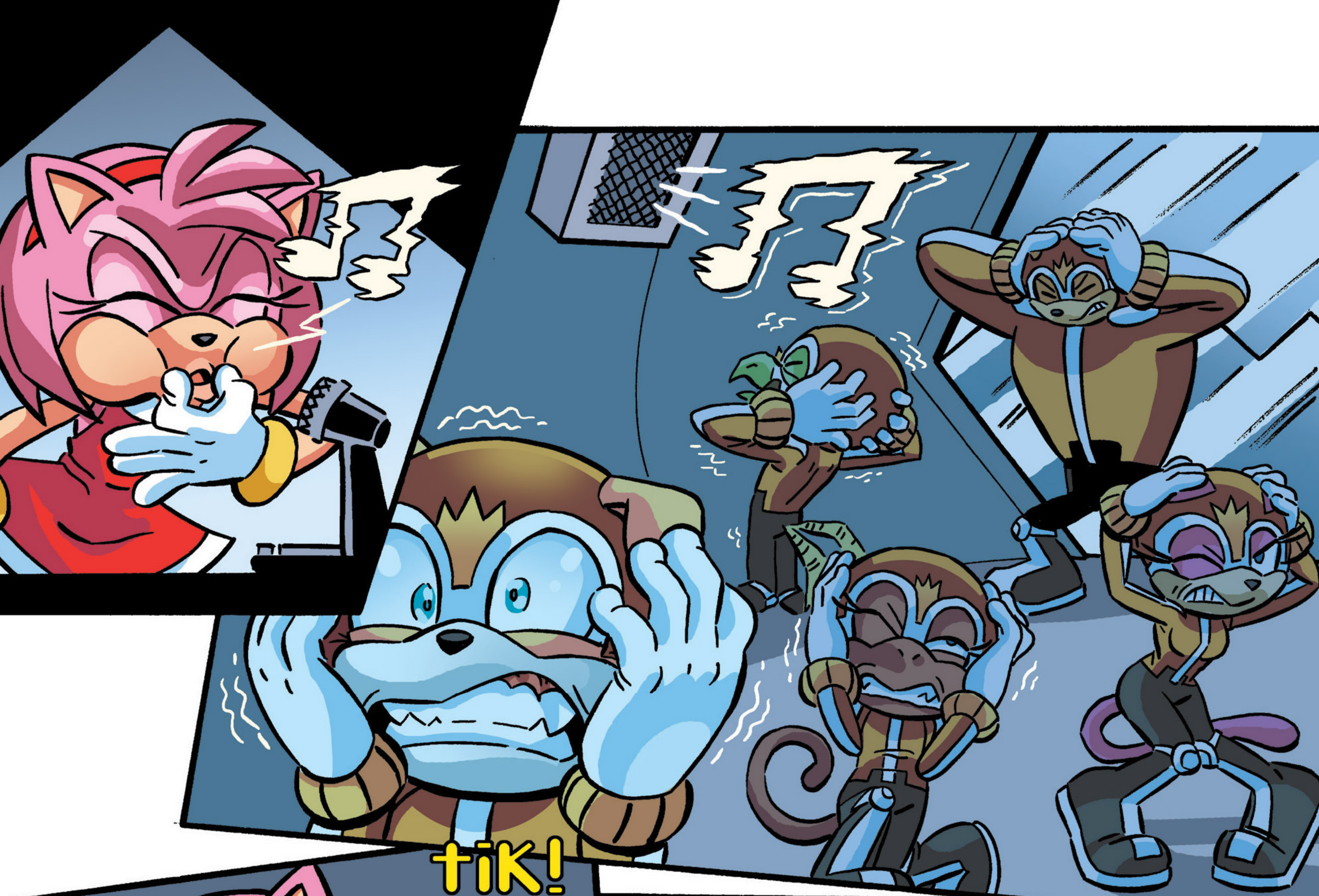
THAT'S YOUR ANSWER TO EVERYTHING. AND WHILE YOU'RE ALL *HERE...*



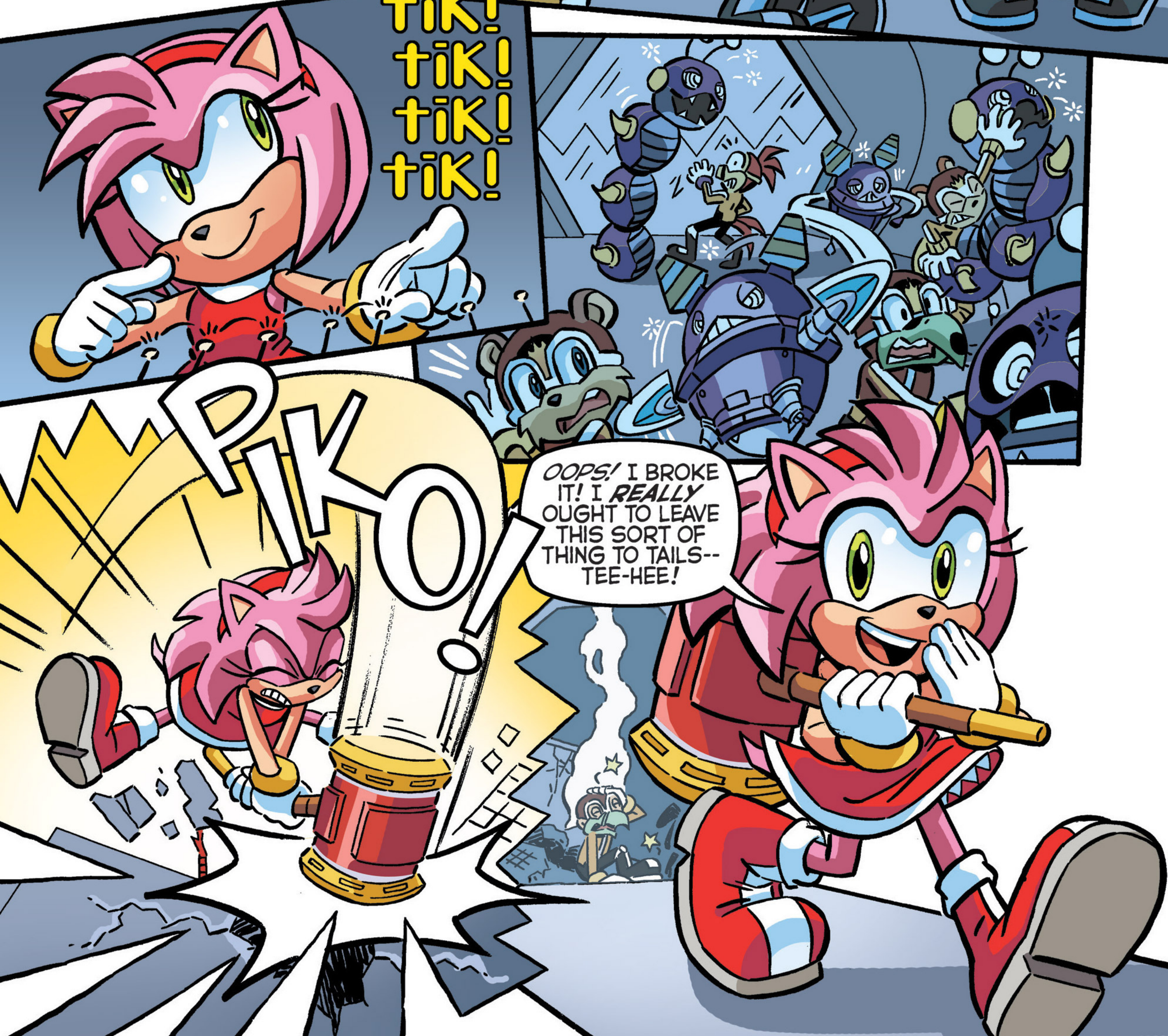
"...YOUR COMMAND CENTER IS WOEFULLY UNDERSTAFFED."

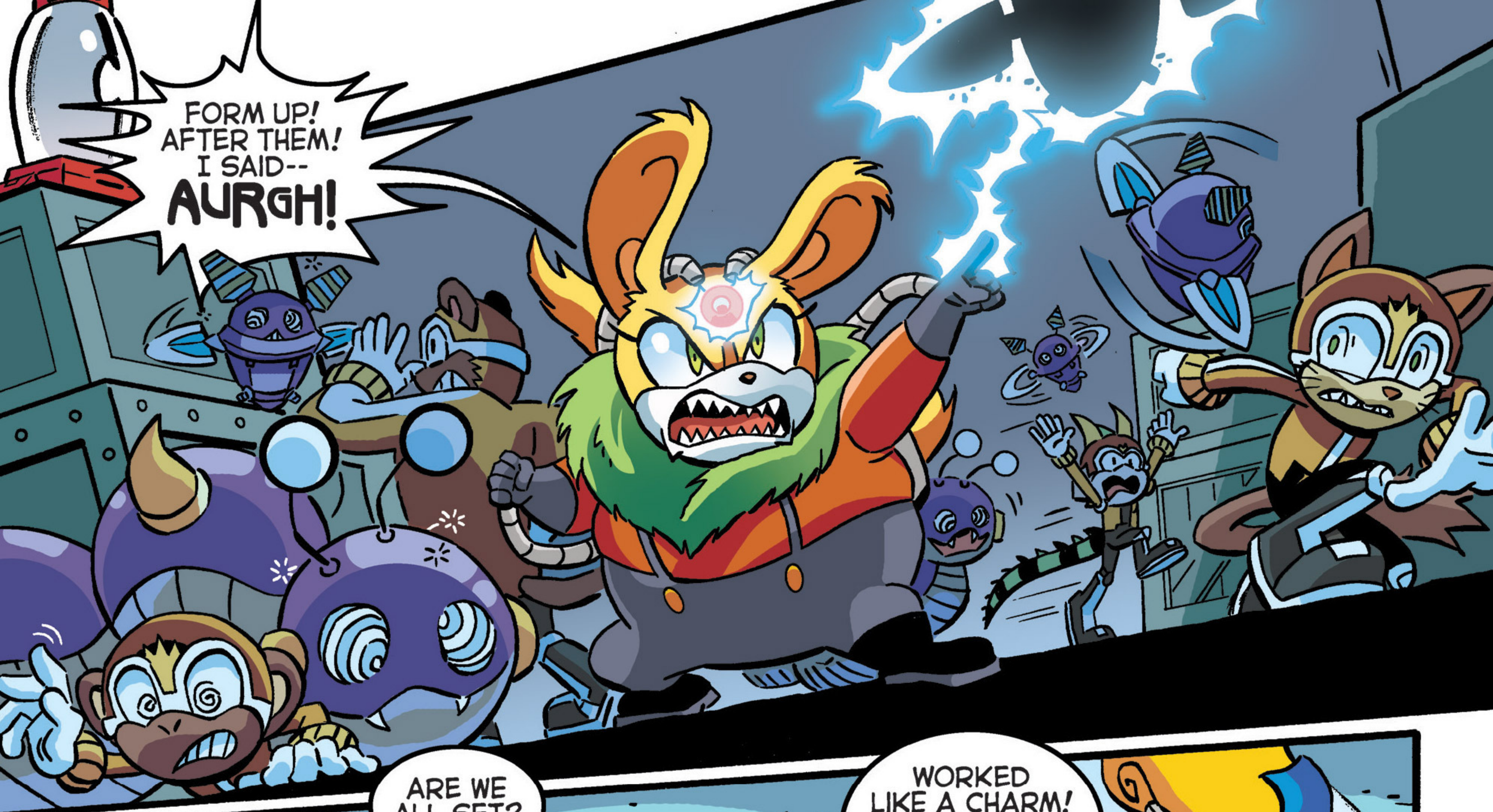
OH, MY GOODNESS! SO MANY BUTTONS! WHATEVER DO THEY ALL DO?



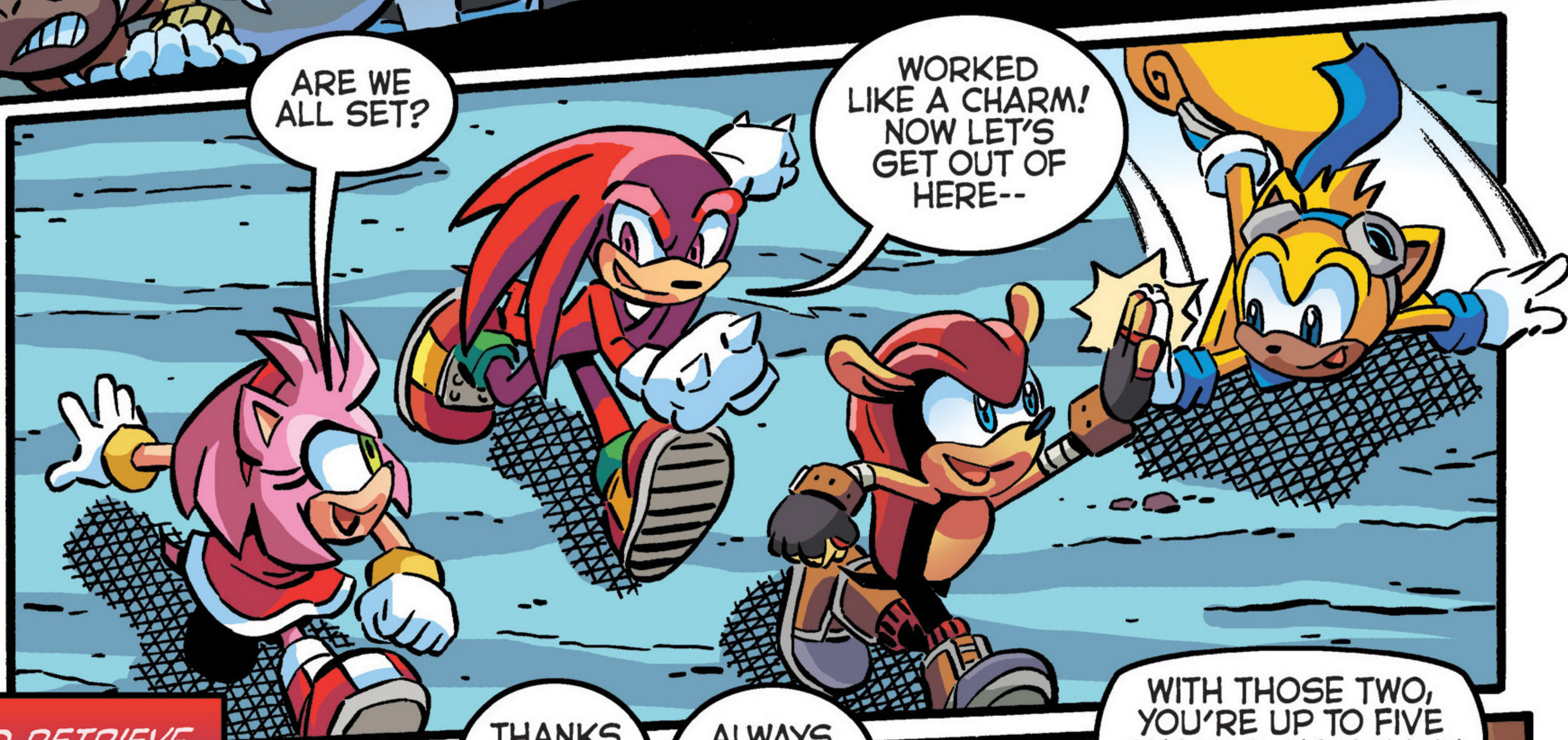


tik!
tik!
tik!
tik!





FORM UP!
AFTER THEM!
I SAID--
AURGH!



ARE WE
ALL SET?

WORKED
LIKE A CHARM!
NOW LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE--

"--AND RETRIEVE
THOSE SHARDS!"

THANKS
AGAIN,
GUYS.

ALWAYS
HAPPY TO
HELP!

WITH THOSE TWO,
YOU'RE UP TO FIVE
SHARDS. HOW MANY
MORE DO YOU NEED?

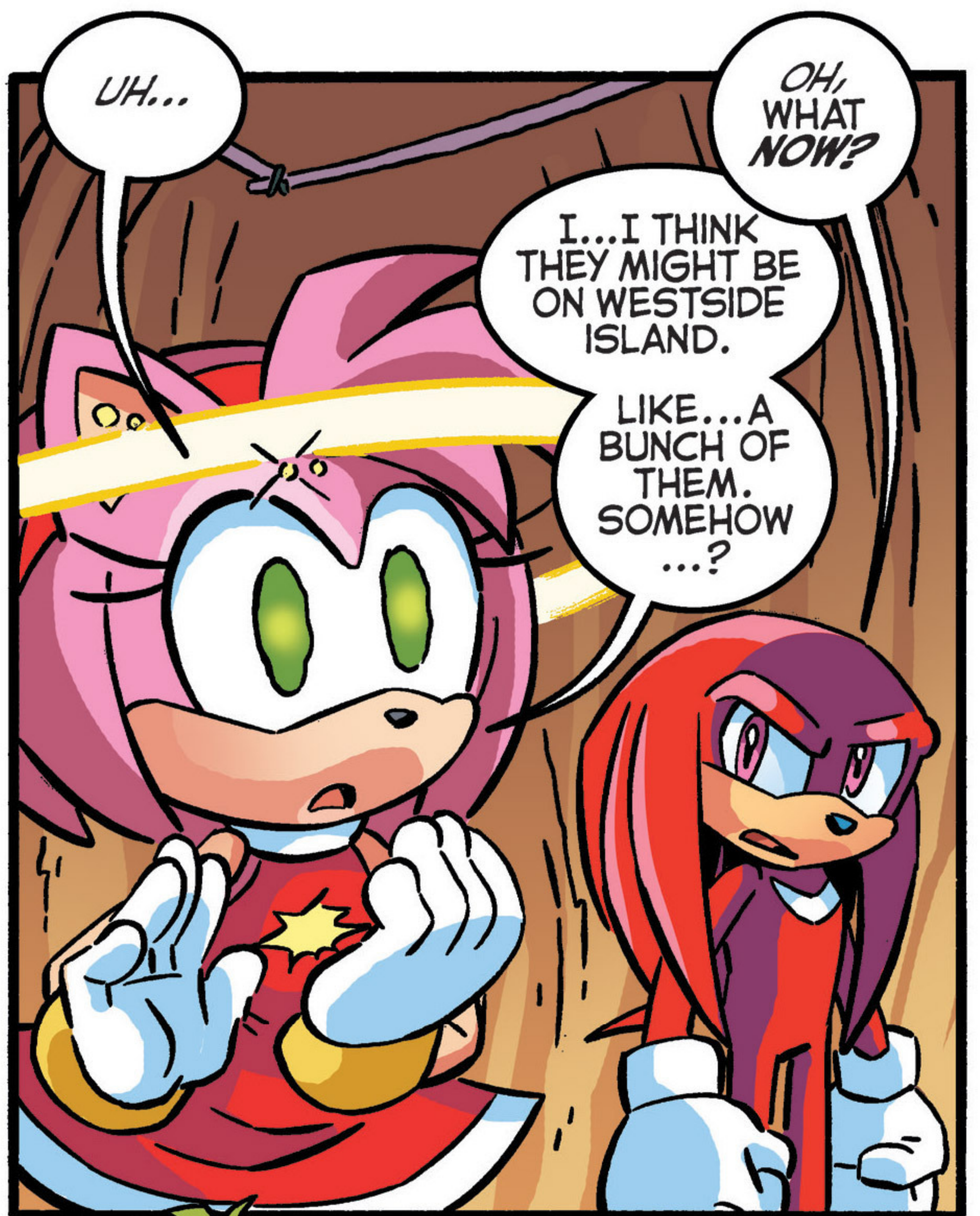
SEVEN...

...BUT SONIC AND
THE OTHERS ALREADY
HAVE ALL THE CHAOS
EMERALDS AND GAIA
KEYS.* IF THEY FIX THE
WORLD BEFORE I CAN
RESTORE THE MASTER
EMERALD...

HEY! DON'T
LOSE YOUR
OBNOX...
CHARMING...
STUBBORN-
NESS NOW!

NOW THAT
THESE ARE
ACCOUNTED
FOR, LET'S
CHECK FOR
THE REST!

* LAST
ISSUE.



WE'D COME WITH YOU.
BUT I WANT TO BE HERE
TO PROTECT MOSS IN CASE
THUNDERBOLT HAS A
TANTRUM.

I DOUBT
SHE KNOWS
WHERE WE LIVE, BUT
I APPRECIATE IT ALL
THE SAME.

NO SWEAT, MIGHTY.
WE SHOULD TRAVEL
LIGHT, ANYWAY.

NEXT
STOP--THE
KINGDOM OF
ACORN!

THE MYSTERY DEEPENS AND *KNUCKLES*
COMES CLOSER TO HIS END GOAL!
FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO *TEAM RED*
ROSE IN "SHATTERED" STARTING IN
SONIC UNIVERSE #87!

Letter from *the* EDITOR

Editorial commentary that will raise you like a phoenix!

Welcome back, my comic crazies!

The time has come once again to go behind the scenes and explore the concepts and ideas that make up the Sonic comic universe!

This issue we'll be taking a closer look at Dulcy's team of Shijin Warriors from Chun-Nan. Check out the concept artwork below by the awesome Aleah Baker!

JIAN THE TIGER

First up is Jian the White Tiger. Early on in her life, Jian joined the Egg Clan Army. Enticed with their pride of strength and unity, she soon realized their cause was not one she wanted to be a part of. Jian now fights alongside Dulcy and her team, using her cybernetic tail blade to cut down her foes!



BUNKER THE TURTLE

Next is Bunker the Turtle. Bunker is the Shrine Matron of Chun-Nan. She has a calm and welcoming demeanor, necessary for her to sense the chi of those around her and herself. Don't let her mellow appearance fool you though, she can pack quite the punch!

CINDER THE PHEASANT

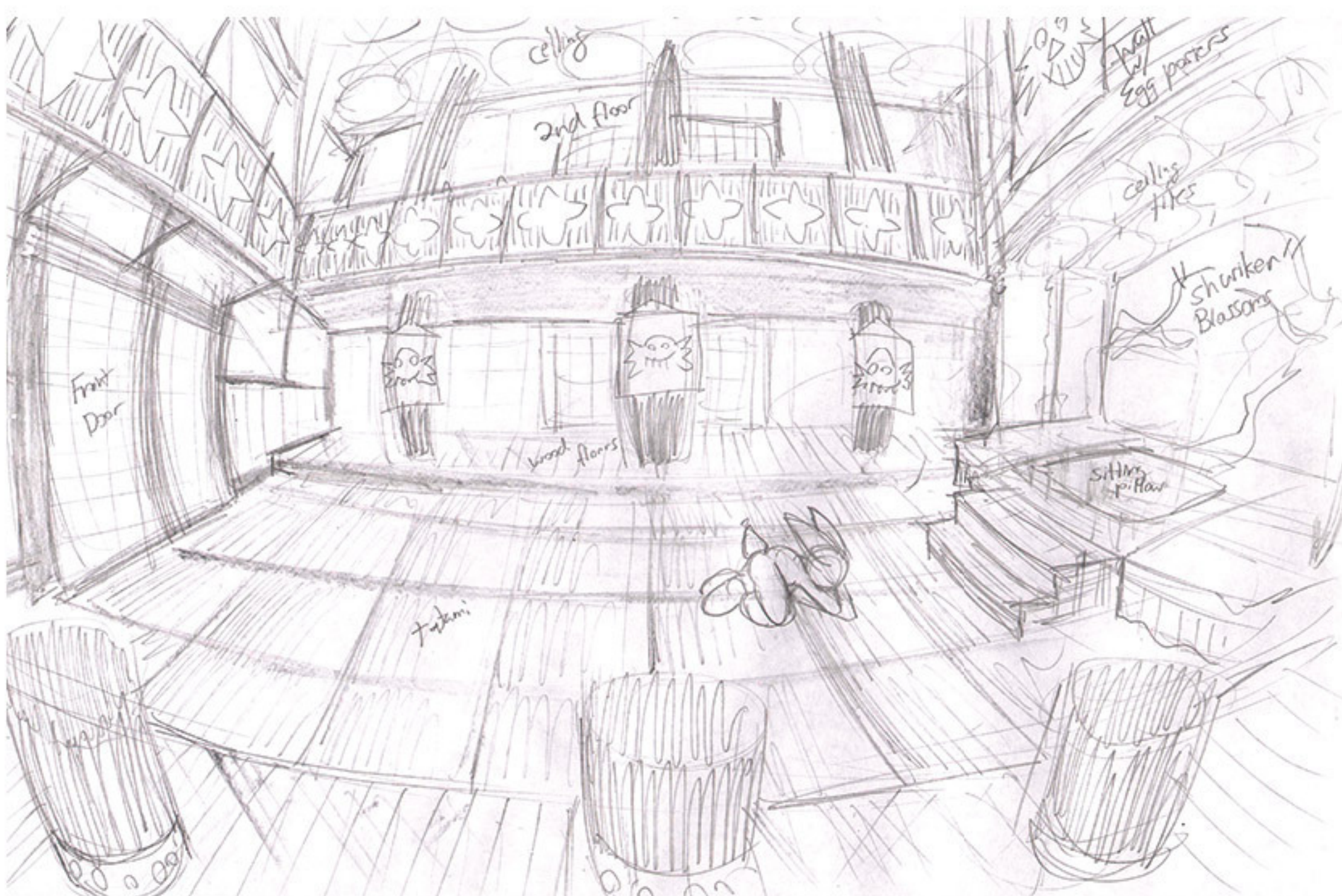
Finally we conclude with Cinder the Pheasant. "Cindy" is the youngest of the team. While she has much to learn about freedom fighting, she is still able to contribute to the team's efforts with her eager attitude and quick movements. She aspires to become a powerful warrior, the likes of the flaming phoenix.



What do you think of our newest members? Write in to let us know and be sure to come back next time for even more insider info! Later!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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ABOVE: Designs for Conquering Storm's Egg Clan Army Dojo by penciller Adam Bryce Thomas.

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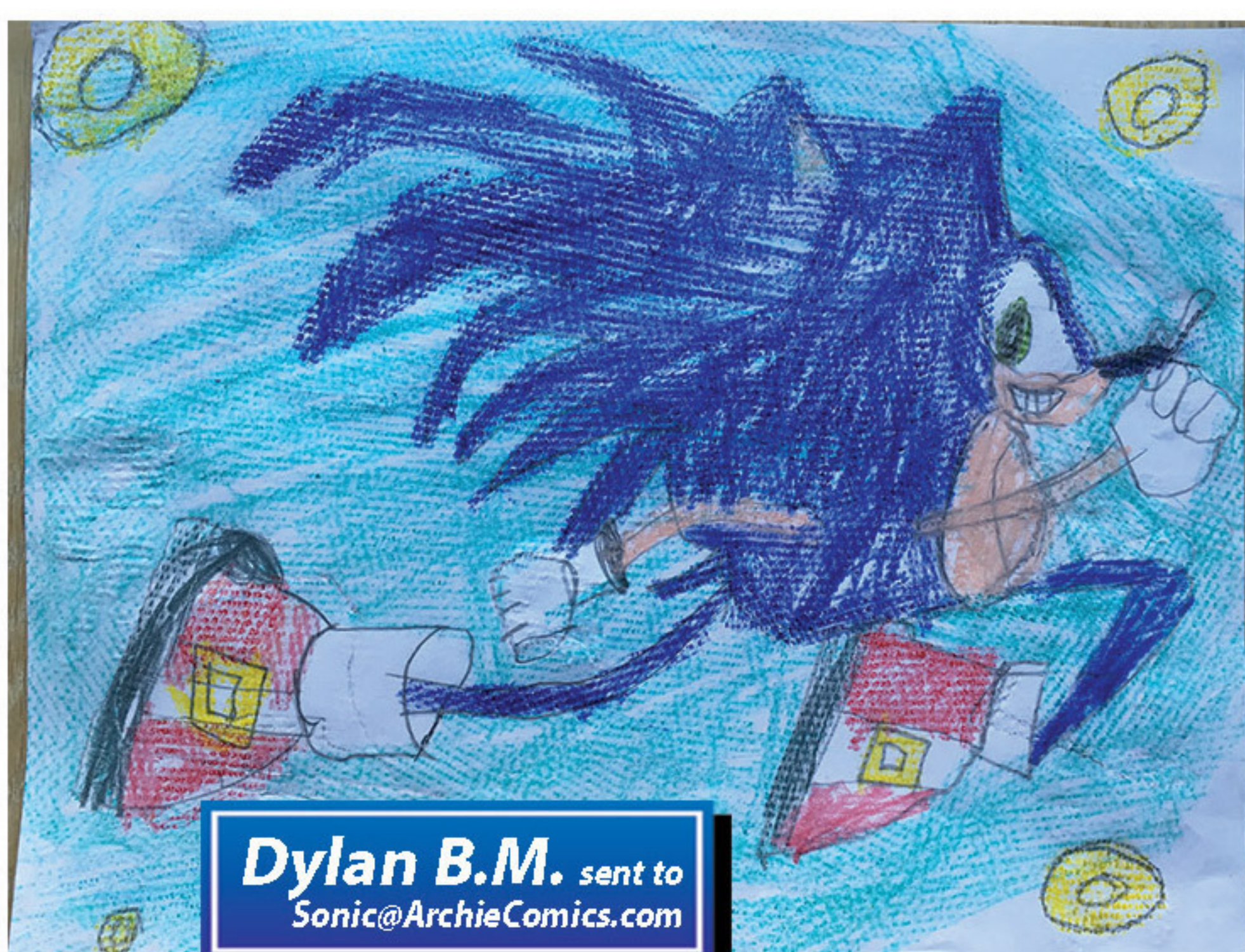
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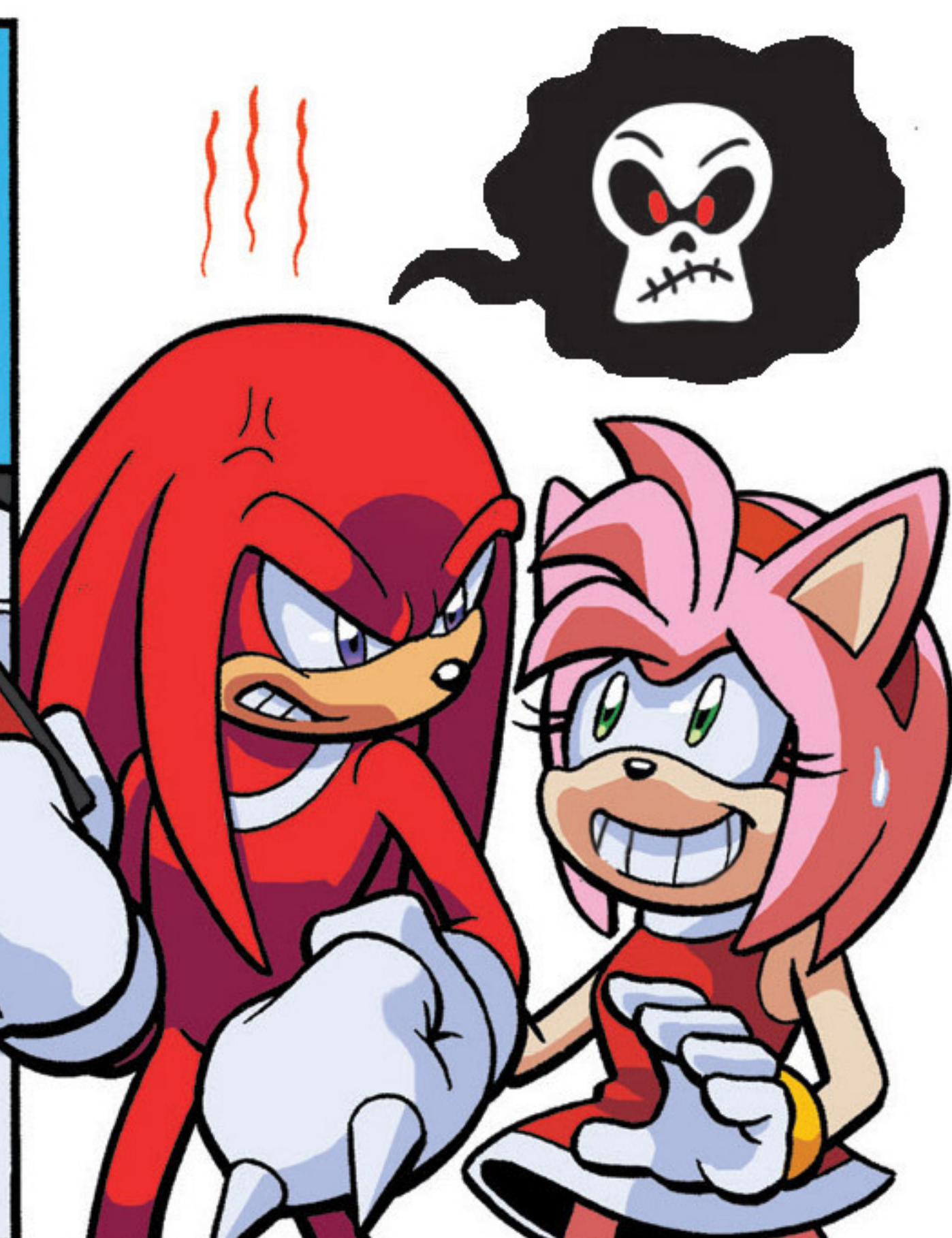
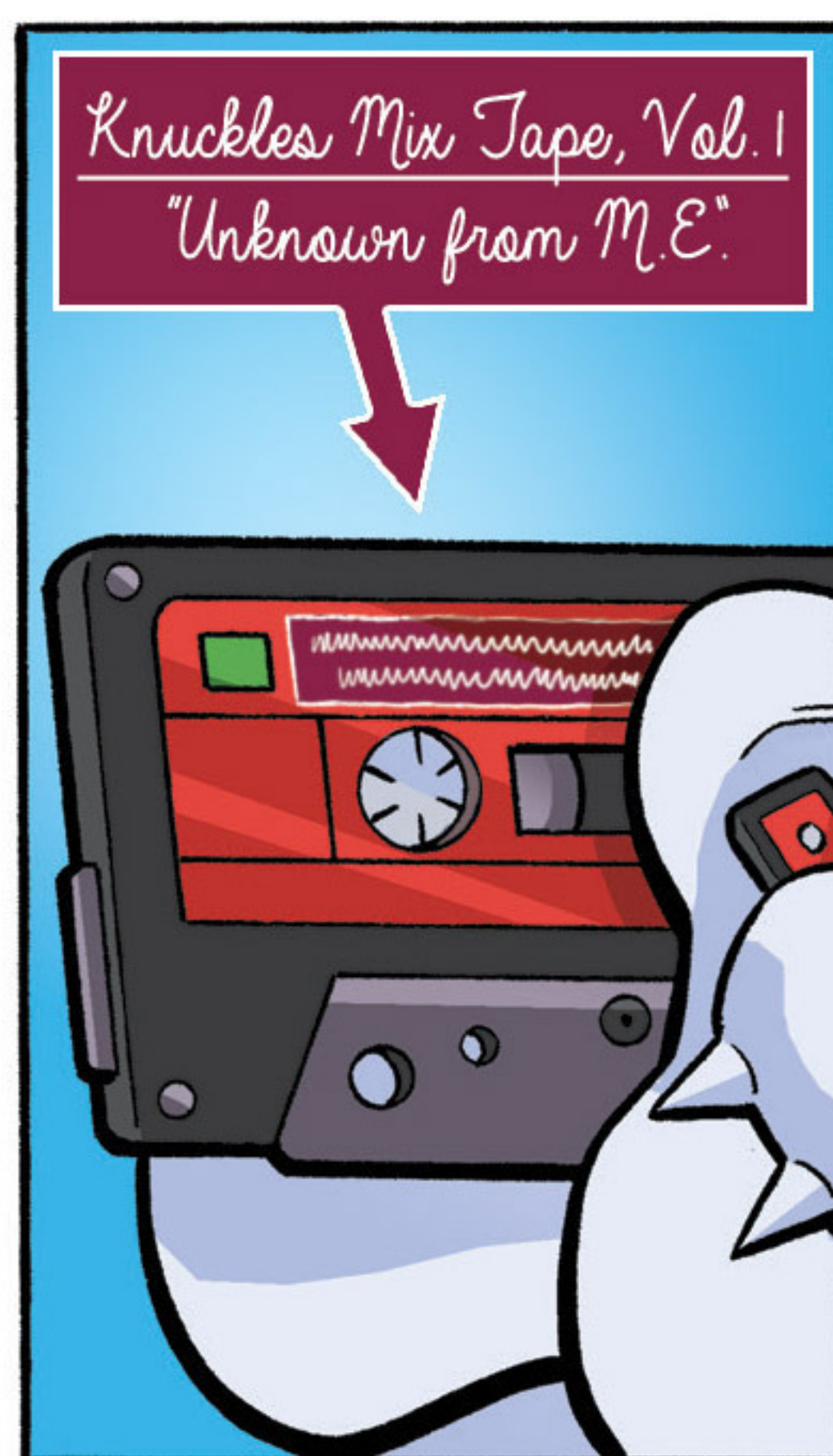
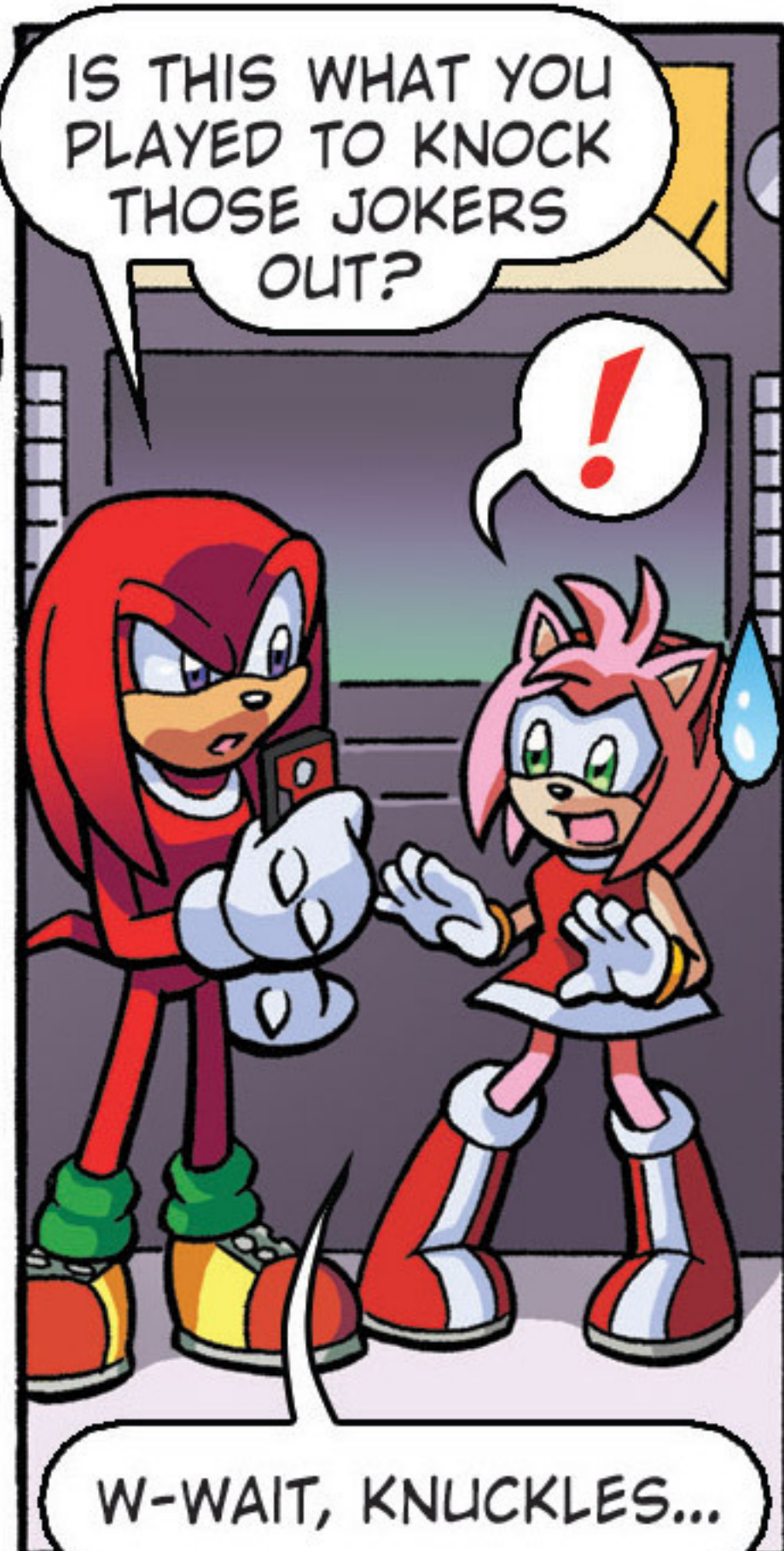
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A (NOT SO) MYSTIC MELODY



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